

Middle Ground

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For years she's lived on her own
In a corner of the city
Twice a year she gets back home
Playing catch-up with the family She tells her folks what they need to know
Her mother says she's much too thin
Her sisters ask about her beaus
Her dad inquires how's business been She's 33 this time around
She's always been real good at listening
Her sense of humor never lets her down
Except sometimes there's something missing Hey, middle ground
A place between up and down
She could be safe and sound
Oh, to know middle ground For years she's been on her guard
She's kind of tense around the shoulders
She wonders why she works so hard
She counts the days 'til they promote her She'll take a weekend now and then
To stay in bed and watch the reruns
She'll turn the phone off when guilt sets in
But Sunday always kind of leaves her let down Hey, middle ground
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Oh, to know middle ground She gave her heart away one time
And says that she hasn't seen it since
Love's a puzzle in her mind
The pieces match but don't quite fit, hey And these days run thick or thin
It never rains or else it's pouring
All her single friends are men
She thinks married girls are so damn boring Hey, middle ground
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