

# While You Were Gone

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    Hmm, whoa, yeah, oh baby, hmm, oh  
        I read you wrong  
    You said you'd only be away a while  
        But the days turned into weeks  
        And all the weeks into miles  
            Baby why?  
    You could've told me you were telling me goodbye  
    Could've come clean and let me walk away in style, oh  
        Funny thing is  
        While I was missing you  
    While I was figuring what I was gonna do  
        1 - I got wise, I got hip  
        I caught on to your tricks  
    I got over it real quick, yeah baby  
        While you were gone  
        Now I'm cool, can't you tell  
        Feel so good about myself  
    A funny thing happened to me baby  
        While you were gone  
        Oh, you looked surprised  
    Like no one ever left you and survived, no  
    Well leaving me alone has kind of opened my eyes  
    Baby you, you gave me the time to find somebody new  
        And I found strength inside me I never knew, oh  
  
        Funny thing is  
        While he was holding me  
    While he was showing me how it's suppose to be  
        Repeat 1  
        Repeat 1 with ad-libs by kelly  
        Didn't freak, didn't cry  
        I just held my head up high  
    I learned how to say goodbye  
        While you were gone  
        Had time on my hands  
        Baby don't you understand  
    A funny thing happened to me baby  
        While you were gone  
        Had nothing but time on my hands

Learned how to understand boy  
Got over you, got over you, oh  
While he was holding me  
While he was showing me how it's suppose to be  
Oh baby  
Repeat 1  
While you were gone, oh  
Learned to lie, learned a lesson  
Learned how to get along, learned how to be strong  
Learned how to love myself, while you were gone, ooh, oh

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