

# Sweet Forgiveness

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Sweet forgiveness, that's what you give to me.  
When you hold me close,  
And you say: "That's all over."  
You don't go looking back,  
You don't hold the cards to stack.  
'Cause you mean what you say. Sweet forgiveness, you help me see.  
I'm not near as bad,  
As I sometimes appear to be.  
When you hold me close,  
And you say: "That's all over,  
"And I still love you." There's no way that I could make up,  
For those angry words I said.  
Sometimes it gets to hurting,  
And the pain goes to my head. Sweet forgiveness, dear God above.  
I say we all deserve,  
A taste of this kind of love.  
Someone who'll hold our hand,  
And whisper: "I understand,  
"And I still love you."

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