Giving Something Up

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'76 when a man told his wife
Baby doll, sorry I can't stay
Left with 5 kids she was forced to become Superwoman
And go earn some payA college educated girl
Washing dishes in a man's world
Now what good is a degree
When you got mouths to feed, yeahShe is that girl maybe you know
Maybe you've been, maybe you are today
Insert your year where the year is
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And leave her kids alone
Far from heaven so she's gone 5 days out the week
To bring a piece homeHer man is off somewhere up some dress
Bringin' her back some other woman's sickness
Her baby girl is cryin', mama please
When you're gone the neighbor's chasing meAround the world from Pakistan
Down to Soweto back to New York City
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Feedin', teachin', always reachin'
Dreamin', losin', being abused and
Dyin', cryin', sacrificin'Hurtin', being told we're worthless
Birthin', buried alive in the earth and
Hopin', mendin' spirits broken
Smilin' and somehow survivin'(Giving something up)

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