

# Only The Strong Survive

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I remember my first love affair  
Somehow or another the whole darn thing went wrong  
My mama had some great advice  
So I thought I'd put it into words of this song  
I can still hear her sayin' Boy, oh, I see you're sittin' out there all alone  
Cryin' your eyes out 'cause the woman that you love is gone  
Oh, there's gonna be, there's gonna be a whole lot of trouble in your life  
Oh, so listen to me get up off your knees 'cause only the strong survive That's what she said, "Only the strong  
survive  
Only the strong survive"  
Oh you've got to be strong, you'd better hold on  
Don't go all around with your head hung down Well I wouldn't let that little girl  
No, I wouldn't let her know that she made me feel like a clown  
There's a whole lot a girls lookin' for a good man like you  
Oh but you'll never meet 'em if you give up now  
And say that your life is through Then she said, "Only the strong survive  
Only the strong survive  
You've got to be a man, you've got to take a stand" So I'm telling you right now only the strong survive  
Only the strong survive  
Hey, you've got to be strong, you'd better hold on  
Don't worry about it, don't you know that things are gonna change  
Oh, but you've got to be a man, you've got to take a stand  
Don't ever feel that, you can make it baby

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