

Short Stories

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Have you ever been up?
Have you ever been down?
Have you ever been lost?
Have you ever been found? Have you ever been right?
Have you ever been wrong?
Have you come up short?
Can you come along? Have you left a mark?
Have you left alone?
Have you seen the way?
Can you come back home? Short stories
That's what we live
Short stories
Babe, just take what they will give Short stories
That's all it's ever been
Don't worry 'bout the ending
Babe, before we begin I have seen the sun
That's behind the rain
I have felt the joy
That's behind the pain Did you ever go soft
Did you ever run wild
I've been a hundred years old
I been a newborn child And I have found a smile
In the midst of tears
And I can find a heart
In the midst of fear Short stories
That's what we live
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Don't worry 'bout the ending
Babe, before we begin Don't you know I need you near me
Or my happy ending's gone
And I see now so very clearly
That our story must go on and on And if I give myself
Can I ask for you
If I give you hope
Can we make it through You know I need a dream
Just like I need my breath
We got to take the life

Before we get the death You know I need your love
Just like I need the light
Yes, I need a chance
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