

# That's Not the Part of Him You're Leaving

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I have a friend  
She's just a friend  
I tried to comfort and defend  
I gave her what you might call advice  
But nothing like that comes without a price  
The rumour was a cruel surprise  
And she dissolved before my eyes  
I offered my hand and hers and mine entwined  
I thought about back then when I wished that she had been mine  
There's no use in shedding any tears  
He's no good to you the way he is  
He's beyond forgiving and believing  
Half of his heart is torn like paper  
It's sweet as the syrup from the maple  
But that's not the part of him you're leaving  
In time they're bound to wonder why  
It's just a thrill you can't deny  
I offered my shoulder right away  
Now people will talk about what I can't say  
And yet the whispers still persist  
They're getting harder to resist  
How am I supposed to stop loving you now I've begun?  
And I'm sorry for what I might do more than what I have done  
There's no use in shedding any tears  
He's no good to you the way he is  
He's beyond forgiving and believing  
Half of his heart is filled with pain  
That's sweet as a lick of sugarcane  
But that's not the part of him you're leaving  
Love is a many splintered thing  
That only cuts roses and ribbons that cling  
But that's not the part of him you're leaving

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