

# Only The Strong Survive

**Jerry Butler**

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 saying it Boy, oh, I see you're sitting out there all alone  
Cryin' your eyes out  
'Cause the woman that you love has gone  
There's gonna be, there's gonna be  
A whole lot of trouble in your life  
So listen to me get up off of your knees  
'Cause only the strong survive That's what she said  
Only the strong survive, only the strong survive  
You've got to be strong, you'd better hold on  
Don't go, all around with your head hung down 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 girl  
Lookin' for a good man like you  
Oh, but you'll never meet them if you give up now  
And say, your life is through Then she said it  
Only the strong survive, only the strong survive  
You've got to be a man, you've got to take a stand So I am telling you right now  
Only the strong survive, only the strong survive  
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  
But you've got to be a man, you've got to take a stand  
Don't ever feel that like you can make it baby

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