## **Backbone**

## **Gerald Levert**

Well, well, well Well, well, well, well Oh baby, listen to me Just got laid off from work today I can't go home, what am I gonna say? Guess I'll go to the local bar, toss up a few Tell the bartender what I'm going through He said, "You got a good woman She gon' catch you when you fall So instead of giving me an earful Here's a quarter, you need to call her" So, here I am baby If tonight I cry, oh baby I need you to be strong Will you be my shoulder, oh baby Girl, you are my backbone, my backbone And I'm falling apart My little boy birthday is coming, yeah And he want that PlayStation 2, yes he do What am I gonna tell him Gotta save 'cause the rent is due, the rent is due You say, you'll get another job, yes you do girl But I won't put you through that Just hold me close tonight, say everything will be alright I just need to know, I need to know you got my back So if tonight I cry, oh I cry I need you to be strong Will you be my shoulder, my shoulder? Girl, you are my backbone, my backbone And I'm falling apart Girl, I know, it's really messed up I think the Lord is trying to test us, yes he is Better half never meant so much to me Like any real man I want my family to have everything and anything But I'm struggling to get on my feet If tonight I cry, oh baby I need you to be strong baby Girl, you're my shoulder

Baby, you're my backbone, my backbone

And this man is falling apart
I don't wanna cry, so I need you to be strong
For the kids and the family, you can't let 'em see us down
'Cause you know, they gon' kick ya when ya down and out
See nobody wants you, nobody even cares
If tonight I cry
I need you to be strong
Will you be my shoulder?

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