

# I Didn't Have To Leave You

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(Jill Wood)

Remember me

The one who picked up all the pieces, me  
The one whose love for you increases everyday  
And it won't go away like she did

Remember her

The one who left your heart abandoned, her  
Well she's back again and I can't stand it  
It hurts 'cause with her tears all glistening  
She's got you listening to her promises

Well remember this

I didn't have to leave you to love you  
I didn't have to lose you first to want you more than ever  
I didn't have to leave you to love you  
I didn't have to see if I could tear your world apart  
And still win back your heart  
I didn't have to leave you to love you  
I loved you from the start

You know me

I only want what's best for you and I'd leave  
If you really wanted me to  
But if I say that I don't want to stay  
It would be right  
You know her

And she knows how to get to you  
Oh the nerve, she's offering her bed to you  
And what's worse

Is that she knows you started over  
But she still insists that you owe her one more try  
Well I knew

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