

# For Taking the Trouble

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For taking the trouble, for hanging on and tryin'  
You've been working through the rubble of a shattered mind Yeah Baby, tell me why the tears are falling from  
your eye  
Tears of laughter, tears of grief, are they the tears of a captured thief? You thought that you were home free, you  
thought you had her well in hand  
But there were things about her you didn't understand Yeah Baby, tell me how you're gonna keep that promise  
now?  
To live your life without regret and make it work with what you get You didn't then, but now you know  
When she began to lie, you really should have let her go You're learnin' how to talk about it, you're learnin'  
how to bend  
It's like you're learning how to walk all over again Yeah Baby, tell me who you're gonna give your lovin' to?  
That girl who catches every eye or the one you can set your compass by You set it by her soulful smile, the fire  
in her eye  
And the way she goes that extra mile  
The love you wanted this to be is somewhere down the line  
You'll find her eventually Your grandma and her grandma are sittin' 'round heaven discussin' the law  
Lovin' that girl was not your crime, livin' without her gonna take some time  
Lovin' that girl next thing you knew, you'd turned away from the thing you do  
Lovin' that girl, you couldn't see, living without her gonna make you free

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