



I WILL SURVIVE

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At_first_I was_afraid,
I was petrified,
³⁸Kept thinkin' I could never live
without_you by my side.
But then_I spent so many nights
thinkin' how you did me wrong,
and_I grew_strong,
and_I learned how_to get_along.

And_so you're back,
From_outer space.
I just walked_in to find_you_here
With that sad look_upon_your face.
I should_have changed that_stupid lock,
I should_have made_you leave_your key;
If I'd've³⁹ known for just one second
You'd⁴⁰ be back to bother me...

Go_on now. Go.
Go_walk_out the door.
Just turn_around now,
'cause you're not welcome anymore.
Weren't_you the one who
Tried_to hurt me with goodbye?
(And) did_I crumble?
Did_you think I 'd lay⁴¹ down_and_die?

Oh no, not_I.
I will survive!
Oh!, as long_as_I know how_to love,
I know I'll stay_alive.
I've got_all my life to live,
I've got_all my love to give,
And I'll survive, I will survive. Hey, Hey.

³⁸ (I)

³⁹ If I'd known... (=If I had known...)

⁴⁰ You'd be back... (=You would be back...)

⁴¹ "I'd lay down" instead of "I'd lie down" (Incorrect use of the verb, though very extended)

It_took_all the_strength_I had
Not_to fall_apart,
Kept_tryin' hard_to mend the pieces
Of my broken heart,
And_I spent, oh, so many nights
Just feeling sorry for myself.
I_used to cry,
But now_I hold my head_up high.

And_you see me
Somebody new,
I'm not that chained_up little person
Still_in love with_you,
And_so you felt_like droppin' me
And just expect me to be free,
Now_I'm savin'_all my lovin'
For someone who's loving me.

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