

I'LL SURVIVE FOR YOU

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1. You know I meant it
when I said I'd die for you;
you know my word is without pretense.
But I'd no notion how hard it is
to stay alive for you
when driven by living-death
to jump the fence.

[SHORT INSTRUMENTAL RIFF]

2. There's but one thing in life
could make me feel this way;
inhumanely locked away
in stolen liberty.
Where the only known escape is
the back gate that swings from life to death
to spew me out of
this eternal agony.
3. Some men abuse their fellow man
so bad till all that's left
for a soul to hold on
to their dignity,
is to honorably choose to die
— cut the cord half-a-lifetime shy
for the bonds of living-hell
to set them free.

REFRAIN: But I will live for you
I'll stay alive for you
even when it's harder than dying.
I will live — for you
because you need me to
even when I want to quit trying.

[MODULATE UP]

I'll always live for you
I'll stay alive for you
even as I desperately want to die.
I promise I'll endure
the ravages of hell for you
when I can find no other
earthly reason why.

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BRIDGE: I'll survive for you
I'll stay alive for you.
There's more to give, to live,
rather than die for you.

4. There's a point at which a man
elects to destroy himself,
as a paradox in order to survive.
Still there is one greater challenge
than death before dishonor
when my duty owed to you
is to stay alive.

[REPEAT REFRAIN]

5. Rest assured on my word
no matter what they do to me,
I'll sweat blood and more
to stay alive for you.
I won't die by my own hand
clinging by the frayed last strand
even if dying's
what I'd rather do.

[REPEAT BRIDGE]

[INSTRUMENTAL IN FULL]

[Epilog]:

6. My sacred love for you
has been tried in the fire;
in a test much tougher than
if I'd died.
It was the hardest test of all
— if I would stay alive for you
and our love has come
through the fire, purified.

[REPEAT REFRAIN - BUT PAST TENSE LYRICS]
[TO FADE OUT]

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