

# Only the Memory Remains

**Dolly Parton**

You're gone now for good and it looks like I could  
Stop crying but I cry just the same  
When a heart breaks how long does it take  
Till the pain stops and only the mem'ry remains  
It's been a long time and you think that by this time  
My tears would have drown on the face  
I could live with a mem'ry oh but how long will it be  
Till the pain stops and only the mem'ry remains  
The fire that we started burns on though we parted  
And our torture by the heat of the flame  
If I'm strong enough to take it till the pain stops and can make it  
When only the mem'ry remains  
I could live with a mem'ry but how long will it be  
Till the tears stop and the pain stops and only the mem'ry remains  
Only the mem'ry only the mem'ry remains