

## Tears Before Bedtime

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I know the name on the tip of your tongue  
And I know that accusing look  
Everybody knows I've been so wrong  
That's the problem and here's the hook

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I don't want to have another fight  
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How wrong can I be before I am right

For the tears that you boo hoo hoo hoo  
There can be no defence  
You say you'll forgive and forget  
But it's only a pretence

Either you can leave the past behind  
Or give me something to disconnect my mind  
I sleep with my fists clenched tight  
When I don't lie awake all night  
I guess time gave up the ghost too late  
And the balance of our love  
Very soon turns to hate

Darling your suspiciousness  
Tortures me at night  
But I can't excuse the cruel words  
That I use whenever we fight

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