

# I Was Hoping

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1. As we were talking outside it was cold  
We were shivering yet warmed by the subject matter  
My wife is in the next room we've been having troubles you know  
Please don't tell her or anyone but I need to talk to somebody
2. You said "Wouldn't it be a shame if I knew how great I was  
Five minutes before I'd died, I'd be filled with such regret  
Before I took my last breath" and I said, "You're willing to tell me this  
  
now  
And you're not going to die anytime soon
3. And I said, "I haven't been eating chicken or meat or anything  
And you said, "Yes but you've been wearing leather"  
And laughed and said, "We're at the top of the food chain"  
And yes you're still a fine woman and I cringed

R: I was hoping, I was hoping  
we could heal each other  
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we could be raw together

4. We left the restaurant where the head waiter in his 60's said  
"Goodbye sir, thank you for your business sir you're  
Successful and established sir and  
We like the frequency with which you dine here sir and your money"
5. And when I walked by they said, "Thank you too dear"  
I was all pigtails and cords  
And there was a day when I would've said something like  
"Hey dude I could buy and sell this place so kiss it  
I too once thought I was owed something"

R: I was hoping...

6. I too thought that when proved wrong I lost somehow  
And I too once thought life was cruel  
Well, it's a cycle really you think I'm withdrawing and guilt tripping  
I think you're insensitive and I don't feel heard

\*: And I said, "Do you believe we are  
Fundamentally judgmental, fundamentally evil?"  
And you said "Yes", I said, "I don't believe in revenge  
In right or wrong good or bad" you said  
"Well what about the man that I saw handcuffed  
In the emergency room bleeding after beating his kid?"

7. And she threw a shoe at his head  
I think what he did was wrong  
And I would've had a hard time feeling compassion for him  
I had to watch my tone for fear of having you feel judged"

R: I was hoping.....