

# Code of Silence

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Everybody's got a million questions  
Everybody wants to know the score  
What you went through  
It's something you  
Should be over now

Everybody wants to hear the secrets  
That you never told a soul before  
And it's not that strange  
Because it wouldn't change  
What happened anyhow

But you swore to yourself a long time ago  
There were some things that people never needed to know  
Guess there's one that you keep  
That you bury so deep  
No one can tear it out

And you can't talk about it  
Because you're following a code of silence  
You're never gonna to lose the anger  
You just deal with it a different way

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And isn't that a kind of madness  
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When you've really got a lot to say

You don't want to lose a friendship  
There's nothing that you have to hide  
And a little dirt  
Couldn't hurt no one anyway

And you still have a rage inside you  
That you carry with a certain pride  
In the only part of the broken heart  
That you could ever save

But you've been through it once  
You know how it ends  
You don't see the point  
Of going through it again  
And this ain't the place  
And this ain't the time  
And neither's any other day

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I know you well enough to tell you've got your reasons

That's not the kind of code you're inclined to break  
Some things unknown are best left alone forever  
And if a vow is what it takes  
Haven't you paid for your mistakes

After the moment passes  
And the impulse disappears  
You can still hold back  
Because you don't crack very easily

It's a time honored resolution  
Because the danger is always near  
It's with you now  
But that ain't how it was supposed to be

And it's hard to believe after all these years  
That it still gives you pain and it still brings tears  
And you feel like a fool  
Because it's part of your rules  
You've got a memory

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