

# Can't Take That Away

Brother Ali

I loved you before I knew that you existed  
It really isn't anybody's business  
Not asking for permission or a witness  
It honestly doesn't make any difference  
Living in this insane mess  
There's only one person that can make me make sense  
I've got troubles and my own fears  
But as long as you're alive, I'm not alone here  
My mirror, when I'm right near you  
Your guiding light shines to see my life clearer  
You're so woven inside my spirit  
Even when you're not around I feel you  
Lord knows they don't come no realer  
My soul road dog my healer  
The only reason I believe in me  
I'm trying to be what you seem to me

When the highs get low and joys turn woes  
I'll be close forever and a day  
They can't take that away  
When you make your mistakes, my heart is a place  
Where you're safe I never would betray  
They can't take that away  
And what you made mine is true  
Lifetime full of treasures, I'll never repay  
They can't take that away

I love you and there's nothing you can do about it  
I love you right through all your human problems  
I might've got excited at you and shouted  
But you never let me down when it truly counted  
Nothing could ever break the bond  
Whatever page you're on  
Celebrate or mourn, babies born or parents gone  
No matter how crazy the storm, you won't face it alone  
The best part of me is drawn to you  
Me and anything I own belong to you  
I treasure everything important to you  
Any secret I ever had I show them to you  
I owe you nothing but the whole truth  
I wouldn't want to meet the me that doesn't know you  
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These are wounds, not scars  
It will only be a scar when it stops bleeding, stops hurting  
You can forget about scars

But you cannot forget about wounds  
Everyone meets the injured with sympathy or disgust  
Do you need a tissue?  
No, I need stiches