

Hush little baby, don't you cry
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Last night you had a dream you was the homecoming queen
Today you're 18, happy birthday Irene
Quit school, you had to drop out to raise your little child
Doesn't seem to be anyone around
You got to reach up to touch rock bottom
The powers that be keep you downtrodden
Daughter of Zion, I heard your prayer
Just cast your cares and please beware of snakes
They come in all shapes and sizes
Tempt you, put scales on your eyelids
Don't waste your sorrows
They'll give you strength tomorrow
Your Calvary's about to come so
Keep your head up, don't you ever let up
This storm will pass, you'll be ready for the next one

Hey little girl with the pressures of the world
On your shoulders, don't say that it's over
I heard your prayers, just cast your cares
And I'll be there so don't you fear

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Irene I carried you when you was too weak to walk
I took to you when you gave your heart to God
Faithful and true, that's what I'll always be to you
Believe in you, believe in Me and these mountains have to move
You have dreams and aspirations
I knew you before creation
Your foundation's solid
I will build you a palace, restore your soul
You'll be up for any challenge
Many storms are on the way, better sharpen your faith
Count the cost, take up your cross
And wear it every day
Rest in Me and I will give you strength
Blessed is she, Irene who seeks my face

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Be alright, be alright (yeah)

Father I'm stronger, I said
Oh Father I'm stronger, I said
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