

# The Sacrifice

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Well, I've sacrificed time with family and friends  
Gave up vacations for work without end  
24/7, 365  
But I was willing to make the sacrifice

But empty or full, I've carried my pale  
You don't drink the water if you don't dig the well  
Through blood sweat and tears I have built a good life  
But it didn't come without sacrifice

But I was gonna be rich no matter how much it cost  
And I was gonna win no matter how much I lost  
All through the years I kept my eye on the prize  
You ask if it's worth the sacrifice, the sacrifice

I think about Jesus and all that he gave  
And the ultimate sacrifice that he made  
He is my strength and my guiding light  
And he's taught me that nothing's without sacrifice

I was gonna be rich no matter how much it cost  
And I was gonna win no matter how much I lost  
I wanted success and, brother, I've paid the price  
And, yes, it's been worth the sacrifice, the sacrifice

I was gonna be rich no matter how much it cost  
And I was gonna win no matter how much I lost  
Grindstones and rhinestones have made up my life  
But I've shined like a diamond through sacrifice

I was gonna be rich no matter how much it cost  
And I was gonna win no matter how much I lost  
But I hope God will tell me, 'Well done, my child  
You've won your reward through your sacrifice, the sacrifice'

The sacrifice  
But sometimes I wonder in the still of the night  
Is it really worth the sacrifice  
I've often laughed and I've often cried  
I've often failed but I've always tried  
I made the sacrifice