

# The Heart of the Matter

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I got the call today, I didn't wanna hear  
But I knew that it would come  
An old true friend of ours was talkin' on the phone  
She said you found someone  
And I thought of all the bad luck,  
And the struggles we went through  
And how I lost me and you lost you  
What are these voices outside love's open door  
Make us throw off our contentment  
And beg for something more?

I'm learning to live without you now  
But I miss you sometimes  
The more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I knew, I'm learning again  
I've been tryin' to get down to the Heart of the Matter  
But my will gets weak  
And my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

These times are so uncertain  
There's a yearning undefined  
...People filled with rage  
We all need a little tenderness  
How can love survive in such a graceless age  
The trust and self-assurance that can lead to happiness  
They're the very things we kill, I guess  
Pride and competition cannot fill these empty arms  
And the work I put between us,  
Doesn't keep me warm

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But I miss you, Baby  
The more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I figured out, I have to learn again  
I've been tryin' to get down to the Heart of the Matter  
But everything changes  
And my friends seem to scatter  
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There are people in your life who've come and gone  
They let you down and hurt your pride  
Better put it all behind you; life goes on  
You keep carrin' that anger, it'll eat you inside

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Because the flesh will get weak  
And the ashes will scatter  
So I'm thinkin' about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore