

# Backbone

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Well, well, well  
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Oh baby, listen to me

Just got laid off from work today  
I can't go home, what am I gonna say?  
Guess I'll go to the local bar, toss up a few  
Tell the bartender what I'm going through

He said, "You got a good woman  
She gon' catch you when you fall  
So instead of giving me an earful  
Here's a quarter, you need to call her"  
So, here I am baby

If tonight I cry, oh baby  
I need you to be strong  
Will you be my shoulder, oh baby  
Girl, you are my backbone, my backbone  
And I'm falling apart

My little boy birthday is coming, yeah  
And he want that PlayStation 2, yes he do  
What am I gonna tell him  
Gotta save 'cause the rent is due, the rent is due

You say, you'll get another job, yes you do girl  
But I won't put you through that  
Just hold me close tonight, say everything will be alright  
I just need to know, I need to know you got my back

So if tonight I cry, oh I cry  
I need you to be strong  
Will you be my shoulder, my shoulder?  
Girl, you are my backbone, my backbone  
And I'm falling apart

Girl, I know, it's really messed up  
I think the Lord is trying to test us, yes he is  
Better half never meant so much to me  
Like any real man I want my family to have everything and anything  
But I'm struggling to get on my feet

If tonight I cry, oh baby  
I need you to be strong baby  
Girl, you're my shoulder  
Baby, you're my backbone, my backbone  
And this man is falling apart

I don't wanna cry, so I need you to be strong  
For the kids and the family, you can't let 'em see us down  
'Cause you know, they gon' kick ya when ya down and out  
See nobody wants you, nobody even cares

If tonight I cry  
I need you to be strong  
Will you be my shoulder?