

## Cruel Stage

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Take me for what I'm worth though it may not amount to much  
Take me from this abyss and put me back in touch  
Though I have strayed from you though I have fallen from grace  
I am back on higher ground up from that lonely place

Cos I have found the going tough and you have suffered long enough  
And I am undoin' this cruel stage that I've been going through

These words they come hard I've tried to make them live  
I carve them from a humbleness I'm not familiar with  
And though I have built a world made out of panes of glass  
I won't shatter yours no more with a pain that lasts

And I have found the going tough  
but I will find the strength enough  
and I am undoin' this cruel stage  
that I've been going through

I didn't mean to hurt you  
No that's not what I meant  
Now I mean to alert you of my true intent

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