

# 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 all the struggles we went through  
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've been 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 them 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  
And people filled with rage  
We all need a little tenderness  
How can love survive in such a graceless age  
And the trust and self-assurance that lead to happiness  
They're the very things we kill, I guess  
Pride and competition cannot fill these empty arms  
And the work they put between us,  
You know it doesn't keep us warm

I've been trying to live without you now  
But I miss you, baby  
The more I know, the less I understand  
And 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 my will gets weak  
And my heart is so shattered  
But I think it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

All the people in your life who've come and gone  
They let you down, you know they hurt your pride  
Better put it all behind you; cause life goes on  
You keep carryin' that anger, it'll eat you up inside

I want a happily everafter  
And my heart is so shattered  
But I know it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

I've been tryin' to get down to the Heart of the Matter  
Because the flesh gets weak

And the ashes will scatter  
So I'm thinkin' about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if you don't love me anymore  
Even if you don't love me anymore