

# I Need Your Life

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I been through your nursery rhyme  
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I took all your nickels and dimes  
But you left me cold  
You wouldn't let me hold  
On longer than it took to go  
I don't care if I die  
I don't even care if I'm in a wheelchair  
Or in a bed  
Unable to move  
For all I know  
It's better than what I did today  
You lead me on  
You bring me up  
And then you take away my floor  
I'm standing  
I'm trying to stand  
Somehow you push me down  
You let me up and have me on a shoulder  
Tell me go on go ahead on  
And then you push me down  
Down  
But I know, I know you want to let me up  
Another time  
And I don't know why  
Sometimes I think maybe  
You let me up just to push me down  
You let me feel good  
Just to let me feel bad  
And it was OK  
It was so OK  
But now I'm slippin'  
You gave me one thing  
You took away two  
I don't know  
Oh, what you're trying to do  
Am I going down the wrong road  
Am I doing the wrong thing  
Please let me know  
Please tell me loud  
I want to know  
I'm asking please  
Let me know  
Let me know the right way  
Oh, is there a right way  
And I know  
Yes I know  
That there's a wrong way  
I saw today  
But you showed me before  
That I can lose  
All the faith I had  
That I can be  
So small  
That I can lose  
All I got  
All my faith

All my hope  
Where does it go  
And you can't tell me any little thing  
Because I feel  
I feel  
So bad  
You can be happy  
You can laugh laugh laugh  
But I take a look  
I see the Chinese  
I see the Japanese  
They're laughing and joking  
Having a good time  
I see people in the paper  
I see the models  
Oh what a person  
I see them walking down the street  
They look so good  
But I can't have it  
I'm locked up  
I'm inside this thing  
And I can't  
Oh no I can't  
I can't get out  
I can't take what I want  
I can see it  
Oh I can see it  
But it's not mine  
You build me up  
You show me these things  
You push me down  
You say forget it  
You can't have anything  
You just stay down  
I say let me up  
Please let me up  
You gotta let me up  
You pushed me down  
Down on the ground  
I can't be here  
I can't be here  
Please make a change  
Help me live  
I want to give  
I want to do  
I want to have your life  
I want to have your life  
Give me your life  
Let me up  
I know you can let me up  
You don't have to keep me down  
You don't have to  
You don't have to  
You don't have to keep me down  
Keep these things  
Away from me  
These bad things  
Away from me  
I wanna be right  
I'm willing to live a routine  
I'm willing to exercise my day  
I'm willing to give up  
Hah, I'm willing

Oh I'm willing  
You've got to let me up  
You know I'll do anything but  
Don't push me down  
Don't push me down  
You make me wonder  
What should I do  
Should I come out  
Yeah, should I leave this thing  
I can do it  
I can do it  
Is that what you want  
I don't think so  
But you can change my mind  
You can change my mind  
You can have me  
Have all of me  
All but, let me up  
Let me up  
Give me a chance  
Don't push me down  
Don't push me down  
And you know I  
I know, I can't ever  
Push you down  
I can't ever  
Let you up  
You got it all  
You got it all  
Give me some  
Give me some of your life  
I want your life  
I want your life  
I'm willing to pay  
Pay the price  
Out of my life  
Take what it costs  
You got it all  
You always had it all  
So take it all  
You know you got it  
Yeah I'll live on  
I'll live on  
And I see the Chinese  
I see the beautiful people  
I want them  
But I don't need them  
I don't need them  
You know what I need  
I need you  
Give me your life  
Give me your life  
Take mine  
Take my life  
You got it  
It's always been yours  
Always been yours  
You got my life  
You got it  
Give me yours  
Give me your life  
Give me your life  
Give me your life

I need your life  
I need your life  
I need your life  
So what do I do  
Just what do I do  
You'd better show me  
Show me  
Don't push me down  
Don't push me down  
Yeah, yeah I know  
You can push me down  
You can push me down  
You can crush me  
You can snuff me out  
I don't care  
I don't care if I die  
I don't care if I'm in a wheelchair  
I don't care if I'm in a bed  
And I can't even move  
Hey, would it be worse than today  
You can pick me up  
Please pick me up  
Oh please  
Pick me up  
Please  
Oh please  
Pick me up  
You can pick me up  
Don't push me down  
Don't push me down  
I feel bad  
I feel bad  
I been here before  
I've had your nursery rhymes  
I've had your nickels and dimes  
I had your good times  
I had your lovely people  
All over me  
I liked it  
Now they're all gone  
Now I'm alone  
But you got me still  
Yeah you got me still  
You let me move around  
But you got me still  
And you know it  
And you let me up  
But then you go and push me down  
And you hurt me  
And times you hurt me bad  
And I've got one fear  
In my life  
And that fear is that I'm slippin'  
I'm slipping  
And I see it  
And I feel it  
And I know it  
And I know, it doesn't have to be this way  
Tell me what I'm doing wrong  
Tell me  
Tell me what I'm doing wrong  
Because I want to be right  
I want to be good

I don't want to be bad  
I know some people like to be bad  
And they sing about being bad  
And they say â??I'm badâ??  
You know, I want to be good  
I want to be right  
I want to be good and right  
I don't want to have to fight and lose  
Please let me win  
Let me win this war  
I'm on your side  
I'm on your side  
What else I gonna do  
You push me down  
You let me up  
I don't want to be down  
I don't want to be down  
Please  
Please  
Let me up  
Let me win  
Let me get this war taken care of  
I'll be on your side  
Where else am I gonna be  
Uhh, I love you  
I surely do  
If you want me down  
I'll be on the ground  
But let me feel  
Like I'm not losing ground  
Let me win  
Let me be on top somehow some way  
I don't need to be conventional  
Let me up  
Let me up  
Oh please let me up  
You know it's been so long  
It's been so long  
I'm trying to remember  
It's not easy  
I see myself slipping  
I don't want to slip  
Let me up  
Let me up  
I need to be up  
I need to be right  
I'm willing to work  
Ah, work, work  
I'm willing to work  
I love you  
I love you  
Ahh, I love you  
I love you  
Please let me win  
Let me win  
Somehow let me win  
I need to win  
Let's not have any misunderstanding  
I need to win  
I'm asking, please don't push me down  
I need to win your love  
And I'll do anything  
I don't know if I'm hurting myself

I surely hope not  
But I feel like I may be slipping  
I want some help  
So I don't have to go down  
'Cause I see the Chinese and the Japanese  
Laughing, talking, acting just like animals  
Why can't I be like an animal  
Take care of myself the right way  
Sure would be good nice  
Sure  
Let me ask you  
Another time  
Treating me right  
Treating me right  
I got some kind of feeling I'm not being treated right  
I don't know if I'm not treating myself right  
Or you're not treating me right  
But I'm slipping  
And I don't want to be slipping  
I want to move on  
I want to create  
I want to be ahead  
I want to win  
I want to love  
I want to feel like I'm moving and doing things right  
But oh I don't feel too good about it  
Why not  
Why don't I feel good  
Hey I don't know about other people  
I don't know what they do  
I don't know if they feel right  
Sometimes they look like they feel just fine and I don't know