

## Sweet Side

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You run yourself ragged tryin' to be strong  
You feel bad when you done nothin' wrong  
Love got all confused with anger and pride  
So much abuse on such a little child

Someone you trusted told you to shut up  
Now there's a pain in your gut that you can't get rid of  
No one heard your screams when you were nine  
When bad dreams filled your summertime

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You're tough as steel and you keep your chin up  
You don't ever feel like you're good enough  
You've had the blues ever since you were six  
Your little tennis shoes and your pick-up sticks

You were screamed at and kicked over and over  
Now you always feel sick and you can't keep a lover  
Every Christmas there were presents to unwrap  
But the things you witnessed when you were five and a half

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Someone deserted you, the damage is done  
Now you don't deserve to be loved by no one  
Hands that would feed you when you were two  
Were the same hands that beat you black and blue

You get defensive at every turn  
You're overly sensitive and overly concerned  
Few precious memories no lullabies  
Hollowed out centuries of lies

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I've seen you in the kitchen cookin' me supper  
I listened to you bitchin' and I watched you suffer  
I still love you baby 'cause I know you  
Don't mean to do the cruel things you do

I've seen you sewin' buttons on your shirt  
I've seen you throwin' up when your stomach hurt  
I stick by you baby through thick and thin  
No matter what kind of shape you're in

'Cause I've seen your sweet side  
I've seen your sweet side

I've seen your sweet side  
I've seen your sweet side

I've seen your sweet side baby  
I've seen your sweet side  
I've seen your sweet side baby  
I've seen your sweet side