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There was a time I prayed to Jesus Christ
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It was nice

Nobody else would ever take the place of you Nobody else could do the things that you could do No one else I guess could hurt me like you did I didn't understand, I was just a kid

Oh mother, why aren't you here with me
No one else saw the things that you could see
I'm trying hard to dry my tears
Yes father, you know I'm not so free

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They couldn't take my loneliness I couldn't take their phoniness My father had to go to work I used to think he was a jerk

I didn't know his heart was broken And not another word was spoken

He became a shadow of The father I was dreaming of

I made a vow that I would never need Another person ever Turned my heart into a cage A victim of a kind of rage

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I've got to give it up (5x)

I've got to let it go I've got to give it up Oh mother, oh father I've got to give it up

I gotta give it up (6x)