

# Am I Supposed To Apologize?

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I wrote a song, a journal  
Gave it to the world  
Told the story  
Of when I was just a girl

I sought understanding  
Clarity in truth  
By baring all the wounds  
Inflicted on my youth

You criticized my choice  
To stand up to my past  
To give the pain a voice  
So that it too could pass

But I felt brave  
And filled with pride as I let go  
Of bitterness that wouldn't leave or let me grow

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Trying to understand  
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Would not lend me their hand

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I loved her more than myself  
But she made me choose  
Between her and my father  
And so I refused

I fled her house and wrath  
Eleven years of age  
Followed the crooked path  
That led me to a stage

The curtains opened up  
My heart followed the lead  
The music wouldn't stop  
And I could finally breathe

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