

# It Don't Bring You

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Well I know it ain't been roses lately, baby, it's just been thorns

And no matter what we do, nothing seems to change  
Love has always been my shelter, for you it's been a storm  
But for a while I thought we'd almost beat the rain

Now there's a hole here in my pocket where all my dreams have gone

Fallen out like so many nickels and dimes  
And last of all you, you'd always been my good luck charm  
I should've known that luck's a waste of time

'Cause it don't bring you love if you don't love  
And it don't bring you time if you ain't got time  
And it don't bring you strength, baby, if you ain't strong  
And it don't bring you kindness if you ain't kind

Now there's a whole lot of life to be unsure of  
But there's one thing I can safely say I know  
That of all the things that finally desert us  
Pride is always the last thing to go

But it won't bring you love if you don't love  
And it won't bring you time if you ain't got time  
And it won't bring you strength, baby, if you ain't strong  
And it won't bring you kindness if you ain't kind

And now I wish you only roses without the thorns  
And I hope your dreams are always within reach  
And I wish you shelter, baby, from all your storms  
They scared you but they never seemed to teach

That I can't bring you love if you don't love  
And I can't bring you time if you ain't got time  
And I can't bring you strength, baby, if you ain't strong  
And I can't bring you kindness if you ain't kind  
And I can't bring you kindness if you ain't kind