

This Is Love

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If you ever need to hear a voice
In the middle of the night
When it seems so black outside
That you can't remember light
Ever shone on you or the ones you love
In this or another lifetime

And the voice you need to hear
Is the true and the trusted kind
With a soft, familiar rhythm
In these swirling, unsure times
When the waves are lapping in
And you're not sure you can swim
Well, here's the lifeline

If you ever need to feel a hand
Take up your own
When you least expect
But want it more than you've ever known
Baby, here's that hand
And, baby, here's my voice that's calling
This is love, all it ever was and will be
This is love

And if you ever need some proof
That time can heal your wounds
Just step inside my heart
And walk around these rooms
Where the shadows used to be
You can feel as well as see
How peace can hover
Now time's been here to fix
What's broken with its power
The love that smashed us both to bits
Spent its last few hours
Calling out your name
I thought this is the kind of pain
From which we don't recover

But I'm standing here now
With my heart held out to you
You would've thought a miracle
Was all that got us through
Well, baby, all I know
All I know is I'm still standing
And this is love, all it ever was and will be
This is love

And I see you still
And there's this catch in my throat
And I just swallow hard till it leaves me
There's nothing in this world
That can change what we know
Still I know I am here if you ever need me
And this is love

And if you ever think of me

Let it be around twilight
When the world has settled down
And the last round of sunlight
Is waning in the sky
As you sit and watch the night descending
A car will pass out front
With lovers at the wheel
A dog will bark out back
And children's voices peal
Over and under the air
You've been there lost in the remembering
And if you ever wish for things
That are only in the past
Just remember that the wrong things
Aren't supposed to last
Babe, it's over and done
And the rest is gonna come when you let it

And this is love, all that it ever was and will be
This is love, when you let it, if you let it now
This is love, all it ever was and can be
This is love