

# I Refuse To Be Lonely

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I can't hold you  
Like I want to  
Can't hold you to the promises you make  
You won't be here tonight  
Or any other night  
It would be a lie to say I'm not afraid  
But to be afraid is something  
That I've always been  
The difference is this time I'm not giving in

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Yes I'm on my own  
But for the first time in my life  
I'm gonna carry on  
Yes, I'm gonna ache  
But I will not break  
Some things I can choose  
And baby I refuse  
To be lonely  
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I can't change you  
I can't blame you  
And this time I'm not even gonna try  
You do what you have to do  
I'll do the same thing too  
You've got a right to say good-bye  
But I've got a right to take care of myself  
I realize that I come first before anyone else

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Lonely is a place I used to be  
But I'm closing that door  
I won't live there anymore

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