

# Better Off Dead

Randy Newman

When you fall in love with someone  
Who does'nt love you  
Someone who treats you so badly  
It ramifies your head  
Someone who doesn't want you  
But won't let you go  
Someone who thinks you're crazy  
And tells you so  
Over and over and over  
If this happens to you  
You'd be better off dead

You might be surprised to learn how often it can happen  
In a love affair  
(And boy does it hurt)  
You fall in love with someone for whom you really care  
And they treat you just like dirt  
They make you feel kind of dirty and flirty  
Hey I'm talking to you  
Didn't you hear what I said?

Better off dead  
Than living with someone  
Whose every word's like a knife cuts through you  
Better off dead  
Than living with someone  
Who just doesn't give a shit what happens to you  
You know that's wrong  
But you go on and on  
Better off dead  
Better off dead  
Better off dead

When you fall in love with someone  
Who doesn't love you  
You better run for daylight  
Just as fast you can (Little man)  
Forget your foolish dreams and schemes that things will  
work out in the end  
Put some real mileage between yourself and the object of  
you love my friend  
Or become what you see  
Yes, a loser like me  
Someone who'd be  
Better off dead  
Better off dead

Musically, this one has a sort of overblown, heavenly quality to it. But lyrically, it's another story of a guy getting himself into a bad relationship that he can't get out of. He says, "When you fall in love with someone who doesn't love you/ Someone who treats you so badly it ramifies your head/ Someone who doesn't want you but won't let you go/ Someone who thinks you're crazy and tells you so, over and over and over/ If this happens to you, you're better off dead." It's exaggerated, but there's a kernel of truth there for so many people. You don't know what bad is until you feel that. I know what I'm talking about because I was once a woman who loved too much.

I know some critic is going to think I don't know what the word ramify means, or how to use it. made up an alternate verb form of it here, like a made-up R&B word, like the "puppetudes" of love. wanted to say how there would be ramifications from something that happens to your head in this kind of a relationship. I should've said "blamifies" or something to make it really obvious I was playing with the word, but I just didn't give a fuck.