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You think that I don't feel love
But what I feel for you is real love
In other's eyes I see reflected
A hurt, scorned, rejected

Love child, never meant to be
Love child, born in poverty
Love child, never meant to be
Love child, take a look at me

I started my life in an old, cold run down tenement slum
My father left, he never even married mom
I shared the guilt my momma knew
So afraid that others knew I had no name

This love we're contemplating
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We'll only end up hating
The child we may be creating

Love child, never meant to be

Is worth the pain of waiting

Love child, never meant to be
Love child, (scorned by) society
Love child, always second best
Love child (different from), different from the rest

Mm, baby (hold on, hold on, just a little bit)
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I started school, in a worn, torn, dress that somebody threw out
I knew the way it felt, to always live in doubt
To be without the simple things
So afraid my friends would see the guilt in me

Don't think that I don't need you Don't think I don't want to please you But no child of mine'll be bearing The name of shame I've been wearing

Love child, love child, never quite as good Afraid, ashamed, misunderstood

But I'll always love you
I'll always love you