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I Stayed

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Me?

Me again?

It's always my fault.

It's always how have I let you down.

It's always you the saint and me the sinner,
me the miser, you the miser's wife.

The disappointed one, put out, ticked off, spoiling for a fight.

Well let me tell you, Aggie, you're no fancy bargain.

No, your father got his money's worth in me.

We always ate, the rent got paid.

Day and night I worked my ass off and I stayed.

A thousand times I could have left but I stayed.

Even when you made me feel like dirt I stayed.

However much my pride got hurt I stayed.

One step ahead of the bills and banks,
not like I ever got any thanks but I stayed.

No matter how rough things been with us I stayed.

When your sisters both moved in with us I stayed.

When your brother needed money for the store
I could've shown him to the door.

But I loaned him money,

then loaned him more and forgave the debt.

A fact you manage to forget when you give me hell for ev'ry
mistake I made.

And as your tally of my faults begins to mount,
the one big thing that never ever seems to count is that I stayed.

Of course I want to give my kid a wedding.
But I think blowing twenty years of savings on one night isn't right.

Is that a crime?

Why can't you see my side of things this one time?

I nearly had another piece of the medallion.

I nearly made that dream come true.

Maybe wanting it so much was being selfish,
but I wanted it for you.

To show you I could make a go.

To prove I didn't need your father's dough.

I stuck it out when times got tough
to show you I was good enough.

To show you I deserved you
and to prove to you... to prove to you...

Ahh, what's the use?

Look around you Aggie, ev'rybody's leaving.

In one way or another they broke free.

And the person you'll be living out your days with is me.

What about me?

I stayed.