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You Don't Need To Love Me

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You don't need to love me, or tell me that you do.
Don't make me any promises just promise we're not through.
Don't give me one damn thing I won't let you call this greed
Just let me give to you that's the only thing I need.
I know that this can work if you'd plant one simple seed
you'd see it grow...
You don't need to love me to know.

You don't need to need me it's better that you don't.
If each of us can walk away, it won't matter that I won't.
We'll both be self contained but together, not alone.
You can keep me in the dark – hell, it's all I've ever known.
But we both could use a friend who will always check the phone
and take the call...
You don't need to need me at all.

Let me be your emergency contact, your occasional plus one.
Your excuse to take a sick day when the forecast calls for sun.
We can keep on being lonely... but we don't have to be apart.
And I'll never even ask you to let me have your heart...
so I'll never break your heart.
No, I'll never break your heart.

You don't need to love me to let me help you through.
You don't need to confide in me I've got crap enough for two.
You don't need to answer, I'll know before you do...
But hear me, and believe me, that you don't need to love me
the way that I love you.