Never thought that I was weak Always thought I could get hurt pretty bad Still get up on my own two feet

I always believed that I was free
That I had some sense of integrity
That would rise above whatever tried to change me

But honey, now I won't wait

For something to bring me round and smile

'Cause that only sticks for a while

Then I'm back again

Oh, I'm a master pretender

I always knew that I was young
But with a head held high and a sharp tongue
I could fool almost anyone

I never expected to be struck
By the fatal hands of fortune or by sheer bad luck

Now we won't change And memories just rearrange And fall into place So I'm back again

Oh, I'm a master pretender

All the streets of New York City Sure look pretty from way up here And I was headed home, just felt more alone The further I'd go

I always thought that you'd be here But shit gets fucked up and people just disappear

So honey, now, don't be mad

Time has told me it can't be that bad

And if it is, well, I'll be goddamn

But I'll stick around

I'll be your master defender
Yeah, I'll stick around
I'll be your master defender