I've got a friend who says
That he's gonna build a house
He's in love with a pretty lady
Now he's ready to settle down
I wonder if he knows
It takes more than wood or stone
To build a house that will stand
When the storms begin to blow

'Cause in the course of a life Things don't always go as planned And the dreams that began With a kiss and a prayer Can slip right through your hands

It takes a strong determination A trust that never dies
The courage to forgive
And a heart that reconciles
A life full of devotion
A faith that won't give up
It takes a strong determination
To build a house of love
Whoa-whoa...

Yes, it's been said before
But it's forever true
Good things take a lot of patience
If you're gonna see them through
So much depends on us
And what we invest through the years
When the fire is an ember
When the laughter's touched with tears

'Cause it's easy to love When you've just fallen in But the years take a toll And you've got to hold on To finish what you begin

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Whoo-ooh-ooh...

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