

First Born

R.A. the Rugged Man

-I love you
=And I love you
-No, I love you
=I love you
-Oh, I love you more
=No, I love you more

Yo, I was on the down slide, the direction I was headed
I'll never forget it, the day your mother told me she was pregnant
Went to YouTube: Jodeci - Forever My Lady
I danced around the house, singin', "So you're havin' my baby"
Came from the ban-barred hard knock start
But the birth of a baby daughter softens a man's heart
Born the anniversary of the day that my dad died
January 7th, you opened your eyes, and I cried
I didn't exist before you, this is my first song
I was first born when I had my firstborn
See, I sweat it, I shedded tears to see these better years
Daddy bled, body half dead, fightin' to get the cheers
Eight months old, I had you on the stage rockin'
Already got you throwin' uppercuts and watchin' boxing
I'm used to knife fights, big guns and shit startin'
Now I shed a tear dropping you off at the kindergarten
I love you

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Even if the sun burns out
You're all I need
Honey, no doubt, and
When I was a young man
All the small things
Didn't really mean that much
Now you're all I see

I'm singin' Al Green to your mother, Let's Stay Together
'Cause when she entered the picture, my life had changed for the better
Your daddy is the dirty filthy crustified creature
Your mommy is the dedicated educated schoolteacher
Like a song I wrote on a softer note
Gave my life some sort of hope when the water broke and my daughter woke
The happiest times in our entire life
Until it turned to fight after fight
Screamin', yellin' every night
I tried to fix it, I told her, "marry me", I put a ring on it
She said I'm inconsiderate, a hypocrite, she's sick of it
The love fell apart, I'm dead, dyin' inside
Mommy and Daddy couldn't make it work; trust me, we tried
My bags packed, lookin' back as I'm leaving the house
Seein' my daughter cryin', tears flyin' as I walk out
Whatever problem me and your mom may be facin'
You still my baby angel, my most precious creation
I'd do life in prison, I'd cheat, steal, lie for you
Catch a bullet, die for you, be tortured alive for you
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Hold up, I missed you growin' up
But think about you every time that I sleep
I think about you every time I'm awake
I think about you over a plate while I'm sayin' my grace
Oh, oh Lord, so thankful, I ain't never had a gift so godlike
I know I been gone for lightyears now
You say you aren't mine, I'm thinkin' what you are, like
A goddess, you know I love you
Beautiful, I guess you got that from your mother
And that stern determination, well, you got that from my brother
Duplicity from your pops, 'cause I'm a fighter and a lover, c'mon
Prepare for the rain sometimes, but never fear
Motivation comes from pain sometimes
You should follow your heart, but take your brain sometimes
And never let a man treat you like you ain't sunshine, ah

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Hold up, I know the song's supposed to be over
But, you're my daughter, I got to give you one more verse

I love you, but get your ass home before curfew
And if a man do you dirty, then he don't deserve you
You're still precious in a world that's sexist, rest assured
The queen's the most powerful piece on a chessboard
Be yourself, think independent, try to avoid trends
And don't make sex tapes, or I'll murder your boyfriends
Find a man that's well-mannered and speaks politely
And stay far away from dudes that are anything like me
You're my everything, my daughter, I fully adore ya
I'll come to your school and smack up a bully for ya
I'll even beat up the teachers, never no hesitation
We're the Thorburns, and you're the next generation
If a man bein' too forceful and he won't stop it?
Then put your knee in his nuts, and your finger in his eye socket
Take the eyeball and gouge it, and pop it
Then take the little .22 I bought you out your purse and cock it
I love you