

**Sarah Mary Chadwick****"I Could Have Lived Without You"**

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and I could've lived without you  
I could, I did for years  
and I could've faced the mornings  
and I could've held back tears  
and I couldn't lived without you  
I could, I did for years  
and I could've ignored mornings  
stayed in bed instead  
and just like the man who's blind  
doesn't miss the sky  
and I could've got by

and I could've filled up seasons  
and I could've drunk them dry  
and I could've thought up reasons  
all of my life  
and I could've worn a smile  
in garish painted red  
and I could've filled up evenings  
howl to the moon instead  
and I hardly mourn the fact  
that my arms could never fly  
and I could've got by

and I didn't want a lover  
and I didn't want a thing  
and I could've seen the others  
laid there and felt nothing  
and I could've kept on drinking  
and I could've played in time  
and I could've shared my thinking  
with the strangers I sat beside  
and just like a life that's bliss  
can't conceive of crime  
and I would've got by  
and just like a grudge I hold  
doesn't need the light  
and I would've  
and I would've got by

but you are to me

like salt is to the sea  
like blossoms are to trees  
like loose leaves are to breeze  
like travel ??  
like ice belonged to cold/coals  
and my life was bleak and bare  
before you, my love, were there  
and if I'd never seen a star  
a twinkle I couldn't describe  
but I would've  
and I would've got by

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