

# Alanis Morissette

## "This Grudge"

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Fourteen years  
Thirty minutes  
Fifteen seconds I've  
Held this grudge

Eleven songs  
Four full journals  
Thoughts of punishment  
I've expended

Not in contact  
Not a letter  
Such communication  
Telepathic  
You've been vilified  
Used as fodder  
You deserve a piece  
Of every record

But who's it hurting now?  
Who's the one that's stuck?  
Who's it torturing now  
With an antique knot in her stomach?

I want to be big and let go  
Of this grudge that's grown old  
All this time I've not known  
How to rest this bygone  
I wanna be soft and resolved  
Clean of slate and released  
I wanna forgive for the both of us

Like an abandoned house  
Dusty covered  
Furniture  
Still intact  
If I visit it now  
Will I simply re-live it  
Somehow gratuitous

But who's still aching now?  
Who's tired of her own voice?

Who is it weighing down  
With no gift from time of said healing  
I want to be big and let go  
Of this grudge that's grown old  
All this time I've not known  
How to rest this bygone  
I wanna be soft and resolved  
Clean of slate and released  
I wanna forgive for the both of us

Maybe as I cut the cord  
Veils will lift from my eyes  
Maybe as I lay this to rest  
Dead weight off my shoulders will rise

Here I sit  
Much determined  
Ever ill-equipped  
To draw this curtain  
How this has entertained  
Validated  
And has served me well  
Ever the victim

But who's done whining now?  
Who's ready to put down  
This load I've carried longer than I had cared to  
remember

I want to be big and let go  
Of this grudge that's grown old  
For the life of me I've not known  
How to rest this bygone  
I wanna be soft and resolved  
Clean of slate and released  
I wanna forgive for the both of us.

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