

**Amanda Shaw****"Gone From Love Too Long"**

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Baby sister set out for the bright lights of California  
Said she was gonna be a star  
No word from someone in six long months  
Can sure get on ya and it was breaking Momma's heart

I drove those thousand miles like a bat out of hell  
Searched every corner, every low rent motel  
'Til I found her there with greasy hair  
And a strangers eyes and then she cried  
And I held her tight and said you've been

Gone from love too long  
There's nothing to be ashamed of  
No way you could have known  
Life was gonna knock you down  
Strip you to the bone  
And leave you all alone  
Girl you've been gone from love too long

As the lights of LA faded in our rear-view mirror  
She said, Sis I'm scared to death  
I left home innocent, I'm going back a sinner  
I've seen and done things I'd just as soon forget  
She put out that cigarette and crumpled up the pack  
And said, what I wouldn't give to have just part of  
myself back  
And I took her hand, said, I understand and she broke  
down  
She said, tell me how, do I face Momma now  
I said you've been

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Momma met us halfway down the driveway  
Held out her arms to her baby

And all she had to say is

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