

## **Don Henley**

# **"Heart Of The Matter"**

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I got the call today that I didn't wanna hear  
But I knew that it would come  
An old, true friend of ours was talkin' on the phone  
She said you'd found someone

And I thought of all the bad luck  
And the struggles we went through  
And how I lost me and you lost you

What are these voices outside love's open door  
Make us throw off our contentment  
And beg for something more?

I'm learning to live without you now  
But I miss you sometimes  
The more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I knew, I'm learning again

I've been tryin' to get down  
To the heart of the matter but my will gets weak  
And my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness, forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

Ah, these times are so uncertain  
There's a yearning undefined  
And people filled with rage  
We all need a little tenderness  
How can love survive in such a graceless age?

Ah, the trust and self-assurance that lead to happiness  
They're the very things we kill I guess  
Ohh, pride and competition cannot fill these empty  
arms  
And the work I put between us  
You know it doesn't keep me warm

I'm learning to live without you now  
But I miss you, baby  
And the more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I'd figured out, I have to learn  
again

I've been trying to get down to the heart of the matter  
But everything changes and my friends seem to  
scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness, forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

There are people in your life who've come and gone  
They let you down, you know they hurt your pride  
You better put it all behind you baby, 'cause' life goes  
on  
If you keep carryin' that anger, it'll eat you up inside,  
baby

I've been trying to get down to the heart of the matter  
But my will gets weak and my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness, forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me

I've been tryin' to get down to the heart of the matter  
Because the flesh will get weak and the ashes will  
scatter  
So I'm thinkin' about forgiveness, forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me

Forgiveness  
(Yeah)  
Forgiveness  
(Baby)  
Forgiveness  
(Ohh)  
Forgiveness  
(Ahh, yeah)  
Forgiveness  
(Ohh)  
Forgiveness  
Even if, you don't love me anymore  
Forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
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