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"Temporary"

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Honey come here
I have something to tell you
It won't make things perfect
And it may not make sense
But someday you'll see it as clear as my smile
Do you know the word "temporary"?
It means "only for a little while"

And everything is temporary
A friend moves, a tooth aches
A pet dies, a toy breaks
The detours a life takes
Temporary

Everything is temporary
A storm clears, a tear dries
A wing heals, a bird flies
The trust lighting in your eyes
Temporary

I know you want things to stay the same
I know it's hard to watch a childhood
Going up in smoke
It's hard for me to watch a child
Who's growing up
And choke back all the warnings

I could scream
To protect you from the things
That aren't as solid as they seem
But then, I'm only temporary

Everything is temporary
A child leaves, a heart breaks
A love dies, a world shakes
The difference one life makes
Temporary

The trick is:
Hold it now as tightly as you can
Whether it's your favorite toy
Or a sad little boy who's trying hard

To be a brave little man
Hold it tighter 'cause you know
You'll have to let it go

If you learn this, though
You won't feel so sad:
A playmate, a tearstain
A Christmas, a dad
The best times
The worst pain
All temporary

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