

## Mariah Carey

### "Side Effects featuring Young Jeezy"

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I was a girl, you was a man  
I was too young to understand  
I was naive, I just believed  
Everything that you told me

Said you were strong, protecting me  
Then I found out that you were weak  
Keeping me there under your thumb  
Cause you were scared that I'd become much

More than you could handle  
Shining like a chandelier  
That decorated every room  
Inside this private hell we built  
And I dealt with it like a kid  
I wished I could fly away but instead

I kept my tears inside cause I knew if I  
Started I'd keep cryin' for the rest of my  
Life with you I finally built up the strength  
To walk away don't regret it  
But I still live with the side effects

Wakin' up scared some nights  
Still dreamin' 'bout the violent times  
Still a little protective 'bout the people  
That I let inside  
Still a little defensive  
Thinkin' folks be tryin' to run my life  
Still a little depressed  
Inside I fake a smile and deal with the

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Vacant inside no one was there  
Couldn't be real, had to keep quiet  
Once in a while put up a fight  
It's just too much night after night

After a while I would just lie  
You were dead wrong said you were right  
Did what i could just to survive  
Couldn't believe this was my life

Flickering like a candle  
Doin' my best to handle  
Sleepin with the enemy  
Aware that he was smothering  
Every last part of me  
So I broke away and finally  
Found the strength to breathe

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[Young Jeezy Verse]

Forgive but I can't forget  
Everyday I deal with this  
I live with the side effects  
But I ain't gon let them get the best of me  
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