

Mavis Staples "5 Minutes Strong"

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Under microscope again. Are you my family or friend?
Good intentions, IÂ'll accept it, but these are
unqualified judgments.

5 minutes strong and youÂ've known me life long.
5 minutes strong.
YouÂ've known me five minutes and my life is slipping,
So tell me about my life because the clock is ticking.

My first impression is all IÂ'll give. Take it and run. I
know the deeds IÂ've done.

The prayers of the righteous availeth much,
Much more than their Â"guidingÂ" touch.
Have you ever been faithful when youÂ're under fire?
Shunned, but still remained the martyr?
Is this the integrity that you seek?
Experience it, please, before you speak.

Thank you for being there for me, in all honesty.
But could it be that my heart bleeds with the same
sincerity?

I love when IÂ'm feeling tall as I smile at the crowd that
claims my fall.
I love when IÂ'm feeling tall, because I stood up
through it all.

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