

## **Dave Barnes**

# **"Sticks And Stones"**

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You would have kept those words on your tongue,  
If you had known the hurt they had done.  
While your fists stay by, right by your side,  
Your words they bruise me deep inside.

I'd rather have sticks and stones and broken bones  
Than the words you say to me,  
Cause I know bruises heal and cuts will seal  
But your words beat the life from me.

Sometimes your words are thick as lead,  
You swing them strong upside my head.  
But what hasn't killed has made me strong,  
So I'll take my scars and move along.

I'd rather have sticks and stones and broken bones  
Than the words you say to me,  
Cause I know bruises heal and cuts will seal  
But your words beat the life from me.

Goodbye is the best way that I know,  
To forgive and still be letting go.

I'd rather have sticks and stones and broken bones  
Than the words you say to me,  
Cause I know bruises heal and cuts will seal  
But your words beat the life from me.

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