

## Phyllis Hyman "I Refuse To Be Lonely"

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I can't hold you like I want to  
Can't hold you to the promises you make  
You won't be here tonight or any other night

It would be a lie to say I'm not afraid  
But to be afraid is something that I've always been  
The difference is this time I'm not giving in

Yes, I am alone, yes, I'm on my own  
But for the first time in my life  
I'm gonna carry on, yes, I'm gonna ache

But I will not break, some things I can choose  
And baby I refuse to be lonely to be lonely  
I can't change you, I can't blame you

And this time, I'm not even gonna try  
You do what you have to do  
I'll do the same thing too

You've got a right to say good-bye  
But I've got a right to take care of myself  
I realize that I come first before anyone else

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But for the time in my life  
I'm gonna carry on, yes, I'm gonna ache

But I will not break, some things I can choose  
And baby, I refuse to be lonely  
Lonely is a place I used to be  
But I'm closing that door, I won't live there anymore

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But for the first time in my life  
I'm gonna carry on, yes, I'm gonna ache

But I will not break, some things I can choose  
And baby, I refuse to be lonely  
To be lonely, to be lonely

