

## **Tanya Stephens**

### **"Little White Lie"**

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Once upon a time there was a happy family  
There was a baby girl, a daddy and there was a  
mommy  
Mommy had a secret, she told a little white lie  
When she tucked the baby in at night, she sang her this  
lullaby

You got your daddy's smile, you got his eyes  
I feel my heart breaking every time you cry  
I'm gonna burn in hell but it's no sacrifice  
Your stability is worth a million lies

I see your daddy in everything you do  
And if you could talk, I'll bet you'll talk like him too  
But he can't be your daddy, I hope you understand  
The man who thinks he's your father is a much better  
man

Maybe one day, you'll end up crying on Rikki Lake  
But baby it's a chance your momma's willing to take  
'Cause I love you even if my heart is gonna break  
Ain't no reason you should suffer for my mistake

And so I lie and baby I try and it kills me inside, yeah  
But I'm gonna live with this until the day I die  
And I hurt, baby, oh, how I hurt  
But I know what you're worth, yeah  
So I'm gonna live with this until I hit the dirt, someday

And everyday by herself the momma cried and cried  
But at night she smiled when the daddy was by her  
side  
There were times she almost told him and it really  
broke her heart  
But she forced herself to keep the secret that was  
tearing her apart

Now I can't sleep at night, I've lost my appetite  
Everybody keeps saying, "The baby looks kind of light"  
And I tell them, "Every newborn baby looks the same"  
While I'm praying to God, please make your color  
change

And the emotions on his face when he's looking at you  
I couldn't tell him, he ain't your papa if I wanted to  
He's got your picture tattooed on his arm  
Now he's bragging to his friends about his firstborn

Oh God and I love him, really I do  
If he ever found out it would kill me too  
Now I'm caught between a rock and a really hard place  
I'd give anything to keep that smile on his face

So I lie, baby I try and it kills me inside, yeah  
But I'm gonna live with this until the day I die  
And I hurt, baby, oh, how I hurt  
But I know what you're worth, yeah  
So I'm gonna live with this until I hit the dirt, someday

Mommy kept the family together the best way she  
could  
'Cause she knew in this case the truth would do more  
harm than good  
What daddy didn't know, didn't hurt him, he had no  
cause to fret  
And that's as close to happily ever after as anyone can  
get

Oh how I try, and it kills me inside  
But I'm gonna live with this until the day I die  
And I hurt, baby, oh, how I hurt  
But I know what you're worth, yeah  
So I'm gonna live with this until I hit the dirt, someday

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