

I WILL SURVIVE



GLORIA GAYNOR

1979 Gloria Gaynor's producers, Freddie Perren and Dino Fekaris, wrote this for her after she suffered a back injury. She was still in a back brace when she recorded this. This song won the 1979 Grammy for Best Disco Recording. It was the first and last time that the Grammys offered this category. (Whew!)

Dm At first I was afraid, I was petrified
Gm
C Kept thinking I could never live without you **C7** by my side **F**
Bb But then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me wrong **Gm7**
A And I grew strong.... and I learned how to get along **A7**
Dm And so you're back, from outer space **Gm**
C I just walked in to find you here with that sad look upon your face **C7** **F**
Bb I should have changed that stupid lock, I should have made you leave your key **Gm7**
A If I had known for just one second you'd be back to bother me **A7**

CHORUS

Dm Go on now, go... walk out the door **Gm**
C Just turn around now... 'cause you're not welcome anymore..... **C7** **F**
Bb Weren't you the one who tried to hurt me with goodbye **Gm7**
A You think I'd crumble? You think I'd lay down and die? **A7**
Dm Oh no not I... I will survive! **Gm**
C Oh, as long as I know how to love I know I'll be alive **C7** **F**
Bb I've got all my life to live, I've got all my love to give **Gm7**
A And I'll survive... I will survive... [Hey Hey!] **A7** (...end last time with Dm)

Dm It took all the strength I had not to fall apart **Gm**
C Kept trying hard to mend the pieces of my broken heart **C7** **F**
Bb And I spent oh so many nights just feeling sorry for myself **Gm7**
A I used to cry.... but now I hold my head up high **A7**
Dm And you see me... somebody new! **Gm**
C I'm not that chained up little person still in love with you **C7** **F**
Bb And so you felt like dropping in, and just expect me to be free **Gm7**
A But now I'm saving all my loving for someone who's loving me... **A7**

REPEAT CHORUS - AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT TO GIRL!

