

# When I'm Gone

Eminem

Yeah...  
It's my life...  
In my own words, I guess...Have you ever loved someone so much you'd give an arm for?  
Not the expression  
No, literally give an arm for  
When they know they're your heart and you know you were their armor  
And you will destroy anyone who would try to harm her  
But what happens when karma  
Turns right around and bites you  
And everything you stand for turns on you despite you  
What happens when you become the main source of pain  
"Daddy look what I made"  
Dad's gotta go catch a plane  
"Daddy where's mommy?"  
"I can't find mommy, where is she?"  
I don't know, go play, Hailie, baby, your daddy's busy  
Daddy's writin' a song, the song ain't gon' write itself  
I'll give you one underdog, then you got to swing by yourself Then turn right around in that  
song and tell her you love her  
And put hands on her mother, who's a spittin' image of her  
That's Slim Shady  
Yeah, baby, Slim Shady's crazy  
Shady made me, but tonight, Shady's rock-a-bye-baby, huh...And when I'm gone, just carry on  
Don't mourn, rejoice everytime you hear the sound of my voice  
Just know that, I'm lookin' down on you smilin'  
And I didn't feel a thing, so baby  
Don't feel no pain, just smile back  
And when I'm gone, just carry on  
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I'm pushin' Hailie on the swing  
She keeps screamin', she don't want me to sing  
"You're makin' mommy cry"  
"Why? Why is mommy cryin'?"  
"Baby, daddy ain't leavin' no more"  
"Daddy you're lyin'"  
"You always say that, you always say this is the last time"  
"But you ain't leavin' no more, daddy you're mine"  
She's pilin' boxes in front of the door tryin' to block it  
"Daddy please, daddy don't leave, daddy, no, stop it"

Goes in her pocket, pulls out a tiny necklace locket, it's got her picture  
"This'll keep you safe daddy, take it with ya"  
I look up, it's just me standin' in the mirror  
These fuckin' walls must be talkin' 'cause man I can hear 'em  
They're sayin' you got one more chance to do right and it's tonight  
Now go out there and show 'em that you love 'em 'fore it's too late  
And just as I go to walk out of my bedroom door it turns to a stage  
They're gone, and the spotlight is on and I'm singin' And when I'm gone, just carry on  
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Don't feel no pain, just smile back Sixty thousand people, all jumpin' out their seats  
The curtain closes, they're throwin' roses at my feet  
I take a bow and thank you all for comin' out  
They're screamin' so loud I'll take one last look at the crowd  
I glance down, I don't believe what I'm seein'  
"Daddy it's me, help mommy, her wrists are bleedin'"  
But baby we're in Sweden, how did you get to Sweden?  
"I followed you daddy, you told me that you weren't leavin'"  
"You lied to me dad, and now you made mommy sad"  
"And I bought you this coin, it says 'Number One Dad'"  
"That's all I wanted, I just want to give you this coin"  
"I get the point, fine, me and mommy are goin'"  
But baby, wait!  
"It's too late, dad, you made the choice"  
"Now go out there and show 'em that you love 'em more than us"  
"That's what they want, they want you Marshall they keep"  
"Screamin' your name, it's no wonder you can't go to sleep"  
"Just take another pill, yeah, I bet that you will"  
"You rap about it"  
"Yeah, word, k-k-keep it real"  
I hear applause, all this time I couldn't see  
How could it be that the curtain is closin' on me?  
I turn around, find a gun on the ground, cock it  
Put it to my brain, scream "Die, Shady!" and pop it  
The sky darkens, my life flashes  
The plane that I was supposed to be on crashes and burns to ashes  
That's when I wake up, alarm clocks ringin'  
There's birds singin'  
It's spring and Hailie's outside swingin'  
I walk right up to Kim and kiss her, tell her I miss her  
Hailie just smiles and winks at her little sister  
Almost as if to... say And when I'm gone, just carry on  
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