

# Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Breakdown

(feat. Mariah Carey)

[Birds chirping.]

[Layzie:]

Over, over. Don't break down yet, it's over.

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[Wish:]

Steady breakin' me on down.

Mariah:

Oooh.

[Wish:]

Break, breakdown. Steady breakin' me on down.

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[Mariah:]

You called yesterday to basically say that you care for me, but that you're just not in love.

Immediately, I pretended to be feeling similarly, and led you to believe I was O.K. to just walk away from the one thing that's unyielding and sacred to me.

[Mariah:]

Well, I guess I'm trying to be nonchalant about it, and I'm going to extremes to prove I'm fine without you, but in reality I'm slowly losing my mind underneath the guise of a smile. Gradually, I'm dying inside. Friends ask me how I feel, and I lie convincingly, 'cause I don't want to reveal the fact that I'm suffering, so I wear my disguise 'til I go home at night, and turn down all the lights, and then I break down and cry.

[Mariah:]

So what do you do when somebody you're so devoted to suddenly just stops loving you? And it seems they haven't got a clue of the pain that rejection is putting you through. Do you cling to your pride and sing "I will survive"? [Krayzie: Gotta get control and roll, roll, roll on.] Do you lash out and say, "How dare you leave this way"? Do you hold on in vain as they just slip away?

[Mariah:]

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[Wish:]

Gonna break ya down, down, down, only if ya let it [Don't let it.]. Everyday crazy situations rockin' my mind tryin' to break me down, but I won't let it. Forget it. If ya feel the same way that I do, then let me help y'all, all singin' tunes, sayin' "It's all right, it's all right, it's all right, yeah." Hopin' for the sun, but it looks like rain, P.O.D'ed, but it's still the same. Came far, but it's been a long road. Trouble's gonna come but we gotta stay strong. Hold on.

[Krayzie:]

Aw, yeah, I often feel the pressures, y'all, but nevertheless Krayzie won't fall. It's over. It's endin' here [here]. I said it's over. It's endin' here [here], so I'll be on my way, and maybe we can meet up in the future one day, but for now I'm bailin', bailin'. Bailin', baby, gotta get up, can't take no more. I'm headed for the door, come and take a look into a thug humble eye. Tell me: if we lived a lie, would our souls unite?

[Layzie:]

Every new day is a test for me, so I just pray the Lord for Him to bless me, please. There's struggles I'm goin' through lately, breaks me down, set me free. Let me be. Let me be. Who else do I have to rely on? Whose shoulder can a thug go cry on? Can I get my vibe on? While you look into my eyes, you won't underestimate, and this soldier story, I'm'a tell you right now I'm fed up. Wrong if I let my lead bust? Hard to keep your head up. Don't let this world get the best of you, I'm a stress you through it, if it's over, over, over. Don't breakdown yet, it's over.

[Mariah:]

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