

Maire Brennan, Don't Give Up

In this proud land we grew up strong
we were wanted all along
I was taught to fight, taught to win
I never thought I could fail
no fight left or so it seems
I am someone whose dreams have all deserted
I've changed my face, I've changed my name
but no one wants you when you lose

don't give up
'cause you have me
don't give up
you're not beaten yet
don't give up
I know you can make it

though I saw it all around
never thought that I could be affected
thought that we'd be the last to go
it is so strange the way things turn

drove the night toward my home
the place that I was born, on the lakeside
as daylight broke, I saw the earth
the trees had burned down to the ground

don't give up
you still have me
don't give up
you won't need much of anything
don't give up
'cause I know there's a place
where you belong

Rest your head
You worry too much
It's going to be alright
When times get rough
You can fall back on me
Don't give up
Please don't give up

Got to walk out of here
I can't take any more
Going to stand on that bridge
Keep my eyes down below
Whatever may come
And whatever may go
That river's flowing
That river's flowing

Moved on to another town
Tried hard to settle down
For every job, so many men
So many men no one needs

don't give up
'cause you have me
don't give up
you're not the only one
don't give up
no reason to be ashamed
don't give up
you still have me

don't give up

I'm proud of who you are
don't give up
you know it's never been easy
don't give up
'cause I know there's a place
a place where you belong

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