



I Will Survive

was written by [Dino Fekaris](#) and [Freddie Perren](#), and recorded by Gloria Gaynor in 1978. This song is about new found confidence after a devastating breakup.

TREMOLO: [Am]

[Am] First I was afraid, I was [Dm] petrified
Kept thinking [G] I could never live without you [C] by my side
But then I [F] spent so many nights thinking [Dm] how you did me
wrong
And I grew [E] strong, and I learned [E7] how to get along

And so you're back, [Am] from outer [Dm] space
I just walked [G] in to find you here with that sad [C] look upon your
face

I should have [F] changed that stupid lock
I should have [Dm] made you leave your key
If I had [E] known for just second you'd be [E7] back to bother me

Go on now [Am] go, walk out the [Dm] door
Just turn [G] around now, cause you're not [C] welcome anymore
[F] Weren't you the one who tried to [Dm] hurt me with goodbyes?
Did you think I'd [E] crumble?
Did you think I'd [E7] lay down and die?

Oh no not [Am] I, I will [Dm] survive
For as [G] long as I know how to love I [C] know I'll stay alive
I've got [F] all my life to live, I've got [Dm] all my love to give
And I'll [E] survive, I will [E7] survive — hey hey

INSTRUMENTAL: [Am] [Dm] [G] [C] [F] [Dm] [E] [E7]

It took [Am] all the strength I had not to [Dm] fall apart
Kept trying [G] hard to mend the pieces of my [C] broken heart
And I spent [F] oh so many nights just feeling [Dm] sorry for myself
I used to [E] cry, but now I [E7] hold my head up high

And you see **[Am]** me, somebody **[Dm]** new
I'm not that **[G]** chained up little person still in **[C]** love with you
And so you **[F]** felt like dropping in and just **[Dm]** expect me to be free
And now I'm **[E]** savin' all my lovin' for **[E7]** someone who's lovin' me

Go on now **[Am]** go, walk out the **[Dm]** door
Just turn **[G]** around now, cause you're not **[C]** welcome anymore
[F] Weren't you the one who tried to **[Dm]** break with goodbyes?
Did you think I'd **[E]** crumble?
Did you think I'd **[E7]** lay down and die?

FADE: Oh no not **[Am]** I, I will **[Dm]** survive
For as **[G]** long as I know how to love I **[C]** know I'll stay alive
I've got **[F]** all my life to live, I've got **[Dm]** all my love to give
And I'll **[E]** survive, I will **[E7]** survive

