

The First Cut is the Deepest (Cat Stevens)

1 (I would have) given you all of my heart, but there's someone who's
 G F G C G G F G
 torn it apart, and she's taken almost all that I've got, but if you want,
 C G F G C C F G / / /
 I'll try to love again, baby, I'll try to love again but I know...

Ch C G F G C G F
 The first cut is the deepest, baby, I know, the first cut is the deepest,
 G C G F G C
 'Cause when it comes to being lucky, she's cursed, when it comes to
 G F G C G F
 loving me, she's worse; but when it comes to being loved, she's first,
 G C G F G C
 That's how I know the first cut is the deepest, baby I know,
 G F G / / G—
 The first cut is the deepest.

2 (I still) want you by my side just to help me dry the tears that I've cried,
 G C G G F G C
 'Cause I'm sure gonna give you a try and if you want, I'll try to love
 G F G C F G / / /
 again, baby, I'll try to love again but I know...

Ch C G F G C G F
 The first cut is the deepest, baby, I know, the first cut is the deepest,
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 That's how I know the first cut is the deepest, baby I know,
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 The first cut is the deepest.

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This song was written by Cat Stevens in 1965, but it wasn't recorded until late 1967, first by P.P. Arnold, and then by Stevens himself. Later it provided hits for Rod Stewart and Sheryl Crow, amongst others.

