

I Will Survive (Perren/Fekaris)

(1,2,3,4) **Am—** **Dm—** **G7—**
1 At first I was afraid, I was petrified, kept thinkin' I could never live without you
C— **F—** **Dm—**
 by my side; but then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me wrong, and
E7— **E7—**
 I grew strong; and I learned how to get along,

2 (And so you're) back from outer space, I just walked in to find you here with that sad
C **F** **Dm** **G7**
 look upon your face; I should have changed that stupid lock, I should have made you
E7 /
 leave your key, if I had known for just one second you'd be back to bother me,

3 Go on now, go, walk out the door, just turn around now 'cause you're not
C **F** **Dm** **G7**
 welcome anymore; weren't you the one who tried to hurt me with goodbye?
E7 /
 Did you think I'd crumble - did you think I'd lay down and die?

4 Oh no, not I, I will survive. Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll stay
Am **Dm** **G7** **C**
 alive. I've got all my life to live and I've got all my love to give and *
F **Dm**
E7 / **Am Dm G7 C F Dm E7 E7—**
 I'll survive, I will survive, hey, hey!

5 (It took) all the strength I had not to fall apart, kept trying hard to mend the pieces
Am **Dm** **G7**
 of my broken heart; an' I spent oh-so many nights just feeling sorry for myself
C **F** **Dm**
E7 /
 I used to cry, but now I hold my head up high and you see

6 Me, somebody new, I'm not that chained-up little person still in love with you; and
Am **Dm** **G7** **C**
 so you felt like dropping in and just expect me to be free, well now I'm
F **Dm**
E7 /
 saving all my lovin' for someone who's loving me. **Repeat v4 until *, then:**

1 and 2	2 and 3	3 and 4
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3	2	1
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E7— **E7—** **Am / / Am—**
 I'll survive, I will sur - vive!



Released in 1978 by American singer Gloria Gaynor. It was recorded in 35 minutes, as it was supposed to be a B side. The A side of that disc got to No.78, while I Will Survive got to No.1.