

Rock Solid

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*As I see it
You said to me today
You thought our marriage was rock solid
And it was
Until you took what I offered for granted
For your own purposes
And left me alone
With the responsibilities of our marriage
Our children
Our monetary means
Then to try and sleep
Alone
While you gallivant around
With them
Footloose and fancy free
Enjoying the sights and sounds
Of gay Lancaster*

*Long lonely nights
Where I awaken in fear for you
Fear for us
And anger grows
Knowing that luck is with you
Knowing that you are joyful
Yet I cannot ever be joyful
Because the weight
Of my responsibilities
Bears down on me
My shoulders
Alone*

*I am a loser
I know
With no friends to speak of
But then
If I had no real responsibilities
Might I act the same as you?*

*I would give up anything for you
No matter what
Be it friends or items
If it caused you pain
As I did before
When all our toys went away*

*I value our marriage
As much as I value you
I look to the end of the workday
Rush home every single night
Just to see your face
Frowning at the children it may be
Only to kiss your cheek
Your lips
Your neck
Smell your essence
If only for a minute
Before you have to leave
To retrieve him
Or the others*

*He steals so much of you away from me
You're always rushed to meet him
I don't hate him
Don't ever think that
He is too good of a soul for that*

*You asked me once
Why I do not go out
The days that I can
I do not
Cannot
Because I do not see you
Enough
I long to be with you
By your side
Your consort
Your lover
Your friend*

But that is not what I am
That's not what I feel
Most nights when I awaken alone
Discarded
Only there when it suits you
Fits you

Instead of being a focus in your life
I am now an equivalent part of many
And it is something I cannot
Abide

I am your husband
You are my wife
Your partner in life
In love

Not an equal part
To those others

Not to be scheduled into rotation
To be told

That I've received my share of you
On Monday
And then

You ask 'why are you so mad' on Saturday?
Because the few minutes I've had
Are nothing compared to what they've had
At work or play

I have so very little time
It's precious to me
Like diamonds or gold

Anything wanting to steal it from me
Brings a rage untold of in the ancient stories

You and I
We are a whole
Two parts made as one
By love
By our vows

You and I
Our marriage is as solid
As we make it

*As I make it
As you make it*

*I have never failed you
When it counted
I gladly married you
In a chapel while you were
Seven months pregnant
And would do so again
In a second
I cut short my time
In Canada when you were ill
I've held your hair while you vomited
Cleaned those messes
When it was unavoidable
I've comforted you as you birthed our children
Massaged your feet
Your body
When you were too tired to move
I've denied myself with others for you
To be with you
Been with you for your first orgasm
Helped you reach such pleasure*

*Can any of those you spend your time with
Say these things?
Do any of them have the right to ask for your time
Better than I?*

*I'd sacrifice anything for you
And for six months I've done just that
I've sacrificed my own happiness for you
Hoping that we'd return
So things could be like they were before
You began acting like you were single
Again*

*It has left me shaken
That others can so quickly consume
Your attentions
It makes me*

Doubting everything I hold dear

I am sorry

I love you

More than you'll ever know

It's easier to push you away

At 3 am

Consumed by my anger

Than it is when you look at me

With those deep brown eyes of yours

So insanely beautiful

Knowing no maliciousness within them

And yet I wonder

How you can keep causing me such

Pain

Love over comes it

The sound

Of your voice

Your eyes

Your embrace

Makes it all go away

At least for a time

I love you

They are more than just words to me

Emotions

They are beyond description

Words cannot tell

The love I feel for you

Though I try and try and try...