

# I CAN'T LET GO

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Music by  
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Moderately slow ballad ♩ = 66

G<sup>b</sup>2 G<sup>b</sup>sus G<sup>b</sup> E/G<sup>b</sup> D/G<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup>2 G<sup>b</sup>sus G<sup>b</sup>

*mp*  
(with pedal)

Verse 1:

E/G<sup>b</sup> D/G<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup>sus G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/F

1. They say noth-ing lasts for-ev - er. — Well, I wish that that \_ were true, \_ 'cause this ach-

E<sup>b</sup>m(9) E<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>m(9)/D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>m/D<sup>b</sup> C<sup>b</sup>(9) C<sup>b</sup>

- ing in \_ my heart \_ won't go a - way. They sing, "Ev-'ry-thing \_ must change," — they say that

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Gb(9)/Bb



Gb/Bb



Abm11



time will see — you through. — Well, I've lis - tened — and I've wait-ed for — that day. —

Dbsus



Db



Gbsus



Gb



But I wake up with this an - ger — and the

Db/F



Ebm(9)



Ebm



Ebm(9)/Db



Ebm/Db



pain won't let — me be. — And the smile — I share — is on - ly there — for show. —

Bm



Gbsus/Db



Gb/Db



Dbsus



Db



— If I hang on — to this heart-ache, — then my soul will not be free. — So I keep

Chorus:

try - ing, but I just can - not \_ let go. \_ I can't let go, \_

Chords: Cb2, Gb

Chorus:

I need it \_ to re - mind me. \_ I can't let go, \_

Chords: Db/F, Ebsus, Ebm

or I'll just re - peat \_ the past. \_ And though your

Chords: Bbm, Cb

arms are \_ say - ing yes, \_ I feel my heart keep say - ing no. \_ I want to love \_

Chords: Gbsus/Db, Gb/Db, Dbsus, Db

Cb2
Gb/Bb
Abm11
D7sus

— you, but I can't let go. — 2. I have

Verse 2:

Gsus
G
D/F#

lived through bad be - gin - nings, and I've seen un - hap - py ends. So I

Em(9)
Em
Em(9)/D
Em/D

close the book be - fore the sto - ry starts. I'm just a

8vb

C(9)
C
G(9)/B
G/B

wit - ness to my life - time, I'm a stran - ger to my friends. I'm a

(8vb)

G/A Am7 G/A Am7 Dsus D C/E D/F#

traf - fick - er \_\_\_\_\_ of broke and dam - aged hearts \_\_\_\_\_ Now, you

8vb

Gsus G D/F# D#dim

ask me to start o - ver, \_\_\_\_\_ but it's eas - ier said \_ than done, \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause the

8vb

Em Em11/D Em/D Cm6 Cm(maj7) Cm



mem - o - ries are strong when they ar - rive. \_\_\_\_\_ And when

(8vb)

Gsus/D G/D Dsus D

heart - ache \_ comes a - call - in', \_\_\_\_\_ I don't e - ven try to run. \_ 'Cause it's all \_




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C2  G 

— that makes me know that I'm a - live. I can't let go, —



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Chorus:

D/F#  Esus  Em 

— I need it to re - mind me. I can't let go, —






*f*

Bm  C 

— or I'll just re - peat the past. — And though your

3 3

8vb

Gsus/D  G/D  D13sus  Dsus  D 

arms are say - ing yes, — I feel my heart keep say - ing no. — I want to love —

(8vb)

C(9) G/B

— you, ————— I want to love ——— you. — Oh, — I want to

(8vb)

Am7 Dsus D G

love you, but I can't let go. —————

8vb mp

Cm/G G(9) G

No, I can't let go. Won't you

Cm/G G

help me? Help me to let go. —————

rit. 3 gva