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Just sharing my little girl's song, and what I wrote to her tonight. Thank you for reading. Yes, grab the tissues - I cried through it, you might, too. I will send the actual music in a separate email.

Dear Nikki,

Almost 14 years ago Mommy used to sing you this song. Yes, I know it was very co-dependent. You told me that back then! Tonight, as I remember you on your 13th Anniversary in Heaven, I remembered this song and played it, over and over. Nik, I meant every word of this at the time, but as I look at it today, I realize how well I did live. I believe that is because I am not really without you. In fact, you are just as much a part of my life today as you were in 1999, when I sang this to you. That is the beauty of it. Your spirit continues to live through me.

That 1st night without you was terrible. Many nights and days thereafter were terrible, but I had to go on for Danni, Doogie and Daddy. I had to go on for me. That became "I have to go on for others", thus Friends of Nikki was birthed

I missed holding you, and touching you so much. How could I ever survive? I had to. You are still part of my heart, my world, my soul. I am living with all the good memories you gave me, my tough little Taebo Girl. You gave me the strength, along with God, to go on.

I am breathing, I am living, I am thriving.....

You are still a piece of the sun in my sky, the love in my life, and the world that I'm living in. I am not lost, but guided to a whole new life of animals and pet loss, of helping others get through those first nights. I have been left with something more real and spiritual than I ever knew in 1999. Nothing has been taken from me but your physical form, and I believe I will see it again one day.

I do need you with me always. You are part of everything good in my life. I don't have to live without you, it's just on a different level. I love you, Baby, today and everyday, forever and a day, 'til the cows come home (silly Mommy!!).

Your forever Mom xoxoxo

"HOW DO I LIVE" by LeAnn Rimes
How do I get through one night without you?
If I had to live without you, what kind of life would that be?
Oh I, I need you in my arms, need you to hold

Your my world, my heart, my soul.....

If you ever leave, Baby, you would take away everything good in my life

And tell me now how do I live without you?

I want to know.....How do I breathe without you if you ever go?

How do I ever, ever survive?

How do I, how do I, oh how do I live?

Without you there'd be no sun in my sky, there would be no love in my life, there'd be no world left for me

And I, Baby, I don't know what I would do

I'd be lost if I lost you

If you ever leave, Baby you would take away everything real in my life

And tell me now, how do I live without you?

I want to know, how do I breathe without you if you ever go?

How do I ever, ever survive?

How do I, how do I, oh how do I live?

Please tell me, Baby, how do I go on?

If you ever leave, Baby, you would take away everything, need you with me ,

Baby, don't you know that you're everything good in my life

And tell me now, how do I live without you, I want to know, how do I breathe without you?

If you ever go, how do I ever, ever survive?

How do I how do I oh how do I live?

How do I live without you?

How do I live without you ,Baby?

How do I live?