The Beginning

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At the beginning, there was love And we thought it was enough We saw no farther than each other's arms And though the roof leaked o'er our heads Just a blanket for our bed But then we had our love to keep us warm

But the winter winds blew cold Our new love was growing old And our words were filled with anger and regret Our bills were more than we could pay And we both longed for the taste Of the freedom that we knew before we wed

But there was something greater still Than all our fights and monthly bills It was the knowledge of a child well on its way And though we both longed to be free We talked it over and we agreed That we'd wait 'til baby came to separate

Then at last the baby arrived And the tears filled both our eyes As we held our newborn baby in our arms And the love we thought was gone Lived there three times as strong It's not the end, it's the beginning of our home It's not the end, it's the beginning of our home