Tear Stained Letter
Johnny Cash

D (walk up to **G** in the verse)

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          G                                                          D
I m gonna write a tear stained letter, I m gonna mail it straight to you
          D                                          E7           A
I m gonna bring back to your mind what you said about always bein  true
          D                                      G

About our secret hidin  places, bein  daily satisfied
      D
I can see you sittin  and readin  it, while you hang you head and cry
       D                                         A          D
I just hope you re not so sad, that you re gonna go down suicide


I m gonna write a tear stained letter, Put it special delivery
 Cause it s gonna be full of stuff that s only known to you and me
 Bout how every time I get turned on you turn me off and bring me down
It ll be about the darkest news that ever did arrive in your hometown
It ll be about the saddest thing your mailman ever did bring around.


I m gonna write a tear stained letter, I m gonna tell you one more time
That you still could reconsider and come back to bein  mine
An  if you think about what I m sayin , it d be hard to refuse
Just be sure you think a long time, on the answer that you choose
It will be a most important piece of personal, private news


Instrumental break


I m gonna write a tear stained letter, mark it  Personal Private News.
An  I hope you ll keep it to yourself, An  don t go  round cryin  the blues
Givin  off a bad impression as to what went really wrong
When what it was was that suddenly the music was all gone
And this man and this woman got cut off in the middle of our song


I m gonna write a tear stained letter, I m gonna put it to a tune
So I ll be sendin  with it a sweet melody for you
And not some red-hot, upbeat zinger, that ll set your body on fire
But a hunk of love included meant to take you a little higher
And to settle on your sweet, sweet mind, At night when you retire

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