

**Final Straw**  
**R.E.M.**

Dm

Dm C Dm  
As I raise my head to broadcast my objection  
C Dm  
As your latest triumph draws the final straw  
C Dm  
Who died and lifted you up to perfection?  
C Dm  
And what silenced me is written into law.

C Dm  
I can t believe where circumstance has thrown me  
C Dm  
And I turn my head away  
C Dm  
If I look I m not sure that I could face you.  
Am C Dm  
Not again. Not today. Not today.

Dm C Dm  
If hatred makes a play on me tomorrow  
C Dm  
And forgiveness takes a back seat to revenge  
C Dm  
There s a hurt down deep that has not been corrected  
C Dm  
There s a voice in me that says you will not win.

C Dm  
And if I ignore the voice inside,  
C Dm  
Raise a half glass to my home.  
C Dm  
But it s there that I am most afraid,  
Am C Dm  
And forgetting doesn t hold. it doesn t hold.

F  
Now I don t believe and I never did  
Dm  
That two wrongs make a right.  
F  
If the world were filled with the likes of you  
Dm F  
Then I m putting up a fight. I m putting up a fight.  
Dm Am C Dm

Putting up a fight. make it right. make it right.

**Dm** **C** **Dm**  
Now love cannot be called into question.

**C** **Dm**  
Forgiveness is the only hope I hold.

**C** **Dm**  
And love, love will be my strongest weapon.

**C** **Dm**  
I do believe that I am not alone.

**C** **Dm**  
For this fear will not destroy me.

**C** **Dm**  
And the tears that have been shed

**C** **Dm**  
It s knowing now where I am weakest

**Am** **C** **Dm**  
And the voice in my head. in my head.

**C** **Dm**  
Then I raise my voice up higher

**C** **Dm**  
And I look you in the eye

**C** **Dm**  
And I offer love with one condition.

**Am** **C**  
With conviction, tell me why.

**Dm**  
Tell me why.

**Am**  
Tell me why.

**C**  
Look me in the eye.

**Dm**  
Tell me why.