

Number One

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Moderately (♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$)



Hoo, ooh, hoo. — I prom - ise not to do it a - gain. —

mf



I prom - ise not to do it. Now,



you can't say I don't love you just be - cause I cheat — on you. 'Cause

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Dm  Gm7 

you can't see all I do to keep you from know - in' the things - I do, like e -



Dm  Gm7 

raise my phone - and keep it out - ta town. I keep it strapped up when I - sleep a - round. Well,



Dm  Gm7 

I should-a known one day - you'd find out, but you can't go and leave - me now. You know that I love -



F  Dm  Bb  Gm7 

- you. There's no one a - bove - you. I said it the last -



F Dm Bb Gm7

time, but this is the last time. So don't make me o -

F Dm Bb Gm7

ver 'cause I can be faith - ful. You, ba - by, you're my

To Codas I & II

F Dm Bb Gm7 Dm

num - ber one. You're my num - ber one. Now, "Who is she? What's her name?"

Gm7 Dm

You don't need to know a - bout ev - 'ry - thing. We fight a - bout this, we fight a - bout that. You

Gm7 Dm

hang up the phone and call — me right back. — Well, I'll nev - er be some - thin' I'm not, so

Gm7 Dm

please don't throw a - way what we've got. 'Cause we've been to - geth - er for way — too long. — I was play -

Gm7

D.S. al Coda I

in' a - round — but I'm com - in' home. You know that I love —

Coda I

num - ber one. — (Rap:) I keep you laced up so you ain't got - ta bor - row noth - in' from them

Gm7



Dm



broke-ass friends who be bar - gain hunt-in'. They say they shop on e - Bay. Ba-by, why is they front-in'?

Gm7



Dm



They be on the In-ter-net, but they nev-er cop noth-in'.
I keep you in. "Girl, - what is those - on your toes?" - And your neck -

Gm7



Dm



— stay-in' froze - off that rose - col-ored gold. - I sup-pose - you was told - by them hoes - I was cheat-in', told you my

Gm7



Dm



heart don't have noth-in' to do wit my pe-nis. He got a mind of his own - and he just be see-in' shit and

Gm7



Dm



I don't wan-na cheat but I don't be say-in' shit. I try to jack off; he asked me, "Who is you play-in' wit?" But I

Gm7



D.S. al Coda II

know he love you. He told me you was his fa - v'rite. You know that I love —

Coda II



num - ber one. — You're mak-in' it hard for me. You're mess-in' up ev - 'ry-thing. You



tell me I got - ta leave. (You say we o - ver.) You saw that she came — o - ver; came in a Range - Rov - er.

B \flat Gm7 F Dm

Left with a hang - o - ver. I prom-ise I won't cheat. I prom-ise I won't lie. I

(You say we o - ver.)

B \flat Gm7 F Dm

prom-ise to act right. (You say we o - ver.) If you can't tell me I can't have you.

B \flat Gm7 F Dm

I can't have that. Hey, it ain't

(We ain't o - ver.)

Bb Gm7 F Dm

o - ver, ba - by. (We ain't o - ver.) Ooh, you don't need to go. It's

Bb Gm7 F Dm

not o - ver. (We ain't o - ver.) Oh.

Bb Gm7 F Dm

(We ain't o - ver.) Oh, it's gon - na be al - right now.

Bb Gm7

Don't go now. Tacet