

Billy Joel – Just The Way You Are (1977)

Don't go changing to try and _____ me

You never _____ me _____ before

Don't imagine you're too _____

And I don't see you _____

I wouldn't _____ you in times of _____

We never could have come this far

I took the _____ times; I'll take the _____ times

I'll _____ you just the way you are

Don't go trying some new _____

Don't _____ the color of your hair

You always have my _____ passion

Although I might not seem to _____

I don't want _____ conversation

I never want to _____ that hard

I just want _____ that I can talk to

I _____ you just the way you are

I _____ to know that you will always be

The same old _____ that I knew

What will it take till you _____ in me

The way that I _____ in you?

I said I love you and that's _____

And this I _____ from the heart

I could not love you any _____

I _____ you just the way you are

**promise , trouble, bad , please, let (...)down, anymore,
familiar, good, better, fashion, unspoken, clever,
someone (2x), forever, leave, take, change, care, work,
want, need, believe (2x), love**

📖 Joel wrote this song about his first wife, Elizabeth. A pure expression of **unconditional** love, he gave it to her as a birthday present. Sadly, after nine years of marriage, Joel and Elizabeth divorced in 1982. Joel's next two marriages didn't work out either: he was married to Christie Brinkley from 1985-1994, and to Katie Lee from 2004-2010. "Every time I wrote a song for a person I was in a relationship with, it didn't last," Joel said. "It was kind of like the **curse**. Here's your song - we might as well say goodbye now."

📖 This song is about the ideal someone. The person you fall so deeply in love with. The person you want to stay up all night with just talking and getting to know. The person you know who may not be the prettiest or most handsome but it is their inner beauty that make them your special someone. So, you don't want them to think they need to change and in fact you don't want them to change a thing. This love will stand the test of time as you both grow old. They will still be the person you want to share your life with.

📖 I love ole Billy as much as the next middle-aged guy, but this song is hilariously **douchey** and **passive-aggressive**. It speaks volumes about how much gender relations have evolved since the seventies. Back when it was released, it probably meant "Hey babe, I'm so easygoing and awesome, let's have sex". Nowadays it sounds more like "I'm an **abulic slob** who hates change, so don't bother trying to improve one bit because I sure as hell won't. Oh, and don't you even THINK of freaking AGING on me."

📖 The Need For Acceptance In Relationships: The word 'acceptance' can have so many different connotations when used in terms of human behaviour and experience. No matter how important we know it to be in almost every aspect of relationships, there still remains that strong part of our nature

that is **loathed** to settle for anything less than perfect. We strive to get exactly what we want, to be exactly who we want and we like to only involve people who we deem worthy of our time and efforts. Acceptance and perfection can **reside** at completely different ends of the needs spectrum and this is why we have to be really clear on which we value most and the impact that it has on our lives. Whilst it's crucial to accept that nobody is perfect, including yourself, there is another end of the spectrum to stay alert to and that's 'over acceptance', otherwise known as settling. Knowing what your end goal is for any situation or relationship, will make you way more **savvy** in reaching your full potential, so be ultra mindful to not play fast and loose with the things that really are significant to you. For example, you may indeed find that you're able to balance your active lifestyle with a partner's who is more of a **homebody**. Ultimately however, if you want a life filled with trekking holidays and cycling tours then you need to double check your choices. Is accepting someone who's so different to your dream of a passionate and adventurous life really such a good option for you?

1. _____ not expressed in speech; tacit.
2. _____ obnoxious or contemptible (typically used of a man or his behaviour).
3. _____ suffering from abulia; showing abnormal inability to act or make decisions; neurotic, psychoneurotic. affected with emotional disorder.
4. _____ a person who is lazy and has low standards of cleanliness.
5. _____ of or denoting a type of behaviour or personality characterized by indirect resistance to the demands of others and an avoidance of direct confrontation.
6. _____ a solemn utterance intended to invoke a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something.
7. _____ not subject to any conditions.
8. _____ a popular or the latest style of clothing, hair, decoration, or behaviour.
9. _____ feel intense dislike or disgust for.
10. _____ be situated.
11. _____ shrewdness and practical knowledge; the ability to make good judgements.
12. _____ a person who likes to stay at home, especially one who is perceived as unadventurous.