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### Love is in the Air

In today's society we are constantly surrounded by numerous depictions of love. Whether it's the bond between two lovers, a parent and their child, or two best friends, it's a feeling like no other. Loving someone can allow one to feel a vast series of emotions, from happiness to heartbreak. The love found between two individuals can grow so deeply that they wish to commit themselves to each other and a lifetime of happiness. In "Let's Stay Together" Al Green professes his hopes and promises to his significant other he is madly in love with.

At the beginning of his song, Al Green sings, "I, I'm, I'm so in love with you/Whatever you want to do/Is all right with me/Cause you make me feel so brand new..." The first line of this song tells the listener that the artist is extremely in love with his significant other. As the song proceeds, it becomes known that he is willing to do absolutely anything for his significant other because he or she makes him feel alive and inspired. In the final line of this stanza the artist makes his commitment to his significant other evident by singing, "And I want to spend my life with you." The introduction of the song causes the listener to begin to develop an understanding of how in love Al Green is.



As the song continues to the second stanza, he sings, “Let me say that since, baby, since we’ve been together/Loving you forever/Is what I need/Let me, be the one you come running to/I’ll never be untrue. Throughout the relationship between the artist and his significant other, loving him or her has become a newfound necessity in Al Green’s life. He shares that he wants to be “the one” and promises to remain faithful for the rest of his life.

The third stanza consists of six lines and constitutes the chorus of the song. Al Green sings, “Oh baby/Let’s, let’s stay together/Lovin’ you whether, whether/Times are good or bad, happy or sad/Oh, oh, oh, oh/Whether times are good or bad, happy or sad.” The chorus of the song exhibits his strong desire to remain in a relationship with his significant other forever. He accepts the reality that there will be happy, sad, good, as well as bad times in their lives. However, through the ups and the downs, he promises to never stop loving his significant other.

Al Green progresses into his fourth stanza singing, “Why, why do people break up/Then turn around and make up/I just can’t see/You’d never do that to me (would you, baby)/Staying around you is all I see/(Here’s what I want us to do).” He voices to his significant other that he doesn’t see them being the type of couple who goes through the cycle of breaking up and then making up. He shows his trust in his significant by asking him or her in a sarcastic tone if they would ever cause him to endure an on-again, off-again relationship when he sings “Would you, baby.”



He proceeds to state that all he sees in his future is having his significant other in his presence.

“Let’s Stay Together,” by Al Green is the type of song that many can relate to. This song has the capability of allowing individuals to share their innermost feelings with their significant other. One listen of this song, upon a request of a partner, could allow one to understand how much he or she is loved by their significant other. It is a love that is so deep that it would always remain faithful and have the durability to last through anything. One single listen could allow a relationship to last a lifetime by simply saying, “Let’s Stay Together.”

Lyrics

<http://www.lyrics.com/lyrics/al-green/lets-stay-together.html>

Music Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-NbbVk4myM>