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# Leaving You Julia Severance

Leaving you was one of the hardest things I have ever done.

Five years is forever gone.

Yet, five years doesn't seem so long

When I think about the all the times you were gone.

You strung me along

And told me I was wrong,

But now I feel like King Kong.

Beating on my chest and roaring for victory,

as I will no longer fall for your trickery.

Telling me what I can and cannot do

Mannnn...... Who the fuck are you?

Leaving you helped me understand

That I could never love a man

As selfish as you

And that your love was never really true.

Leaving you taught me

That love comes from within

And not from guilty sin.

As I lift my chin,

A new love is born within.

#### **Author Statement**

"The short poem, 'Leaving you,' was inspired by a long-term, high school sweetheart break up. For most of the relationship, I complied to the wants and needs of my partner. However, I was growing farther and farther from who I really was and what I truly desire in life. Not only was my love taken advantage for, but I also completely lost myself trying to love a man who cannot even love himself. 'Leaving you' is not about losing my ex, but rather gaining back all the love I gave up when I left the relationship."