

# I THOUGHT I WAS BRAVE

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I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

Those were some of the last words she spoke  
A tremble in her voice  
Surrounded by family  
Confronted by her end

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

Brash and confident  
Loving and laughing  
Fear so uncharacteristic  
In the wavering voice of this great woman

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

Surrounded by family  
Confronted by her end  
I couldn't say everything I wanted to say  
I couldn't give her everything I wanted to give

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

I stood at her side  
Her hand in mine  
I watched her struggle  
I watched her fade

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

When she could no longer speak  
I stood still by her side  
A hand on her shoulder  
A tear in my eye

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

Those words wouldn't leave my mind  
They ripped and raged  
A maelstrom of despair  
Within me

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

I couldn't say everything I wanted to say  
I couldn't give her everything I wanted to give  
I had waited too long  
She couldn't hear me anymore

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

I couldn't say everything I wanted to say  
I couldn't give her everything I wanted to give  
But I gave her all the strength I could  
I gave her all the comfort I could

I thought I was brave  
But I'm not brave

When her breath slowed  
And her chest stilled  
I thought of everything she was to me  
And alongside the tears came certainty

I thought you were brave  
You made me brave

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