# If It Hadn’t Been For Love

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Am] / [Am] / [Am] / [Am] /**

**[Am]** Never would’a hitchhiked to Birmingham, if it hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Never would’a caught the train to Louisian', if it **[F]** hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Never would’a run through the blindin' rain, with-**[F]**out one dollar to my name

If it **[F]** hadn't been, if it **[E7]** hadn't been for **[Am]** love **[Am]**

**[Am]** Never would’a seen the trouble that I'm in, if it hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Would’a been gone like a wayward wind, if it **[F]** hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Nobody knows it better than me **[F]** I wouldn't be wishin’ I was free

If it **[F]** hadn't been, if it **[E7]** hadn't been for **[Am]** love **[Am]**

**[C]** Four cold **[G]** walls, a-**[F]**gainst my **[C]** will

At **[C]** least I **[G]** know, she's **[F]** lyin’ **[Am]** still **[Am]**

**[C]** Four cold **[G]** walls, with-**[F]**out par-**[C]**ole

**[C]** Lord have **[G]** mercy **[F]** on my **[Am]** soul **[Am]**

**INSTRUMENTAL: < OPTIONAL >**

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If it **[F]** hadn't been, if it **[E7]** hadn't been for **[Am]** love **[Am] / [Am] / [Am] /**

**[Am]** Never would’a gone to that side of town, if it hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Never would’a took a mind to track her down, if it **[F]** hadn't been for love

**[Am]** Never would’a loaded up a forty-four **[F]** put myself behind a jailhouse door

If it **[F]** hadn't been, if it **[E7]** hadn't been for **[Am]** love **[Am]**

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If it **[F]** hadn't been, if it **[E7]** hadn't been for **[Am]** love **[Am]**

If it **[F]↓** hadn't been, if it **[E7]↓** hadn't been for **~[Am]~** love **[Am]↓**

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