

When My Dad Gave Me Joni (G)
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G
For 14 years
Bm Am7
I stood behind that bedroom door
D G Bm Am7 D
and I kept my feelings hidden
G Bm
I wouldn't talk to anyone
Am7 D G Bm Am7 D
I just wouldn't let 'em in

C
Lost too much
G/B
I was out of touch
Am7 G/B
Just couldn't get connected
C G/B
I'd paint the walls in colored squalls
Am7 G/B
I felt so imperfected

C G/B
I'd stay in bed to keep from falling
Am7 G/B
never coming back
C G/B Am7 D
The only thing could reach me now me was my little tiger cat.

Em11
But then my Dad said "Seems to me
Am7
just when you think you're on your own
Em11
The things you feel
The pain you're in
Am7 D
they aren't yours alone."

G Bm7 Am7 D
Then my dad gave me to Joni.
G Bm7
Her Blue came in to comfort me
Am7 D
To Walk me to the light
G G7 C A
the way she sang, It's like she'd known me
Am7 G/B C
she knew just where I came from
Am7 G/B C
she knew we were alike
Am7 G/B C
she knew my Dad would bring her here
Am7 G/B C D
to bring me back to
G
life

G Bm
So I started in to sing
Am7 D
And I never stopped
G Bm Am7 D
I just keep on singing
G
She taught me how
Bm Am7 D
To reach across the dark
G Bm Am7 D
So my songs to you I'm bringing

C
Cause Dad & Joni
G/B
Brought me blue
Am7 G/B
Dad & Joni love me too
C G/B
I'm here to sing my songs for you
Am7 D
I can sing about it now

(repeat 2x)
G Bm7 Am7 D
'Cause my dad gave me to Joni.
G Bm7

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Am7 D

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to bring me back to

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life

Bm7 Am7 D

Cause he gave me Joni

G Bm7 Am7 D

back to life

(repeat...)

Am7 G/B C D G...