

## In Memory Of Stevie Ray | Allan Besselink

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Stevie Ray

oh how the world misses you  
and me more so than the rest  
You see, I never knew you  
as anything more than a performer  
a gut-wrenching musician  
a persona on a sheet of paper  
But, hey  
I understand you were pretty real  
a good human being  
living each day to the fullest  
you had the guts  
to face your fears  
and right your wrongs  
And for this fact you are known

I can remember

wanting to see what you came from  
where it was  
that you opened your musical arms  
to the rest of the world  
I knew it would be my home too  
a place to call my own  
then, suddenly  
you left me  
on my own  
in your home  
I guess  
to make it mine.

You could always say things to me  
that words could never speak  
I always saw you  
as a sort of soulmate  
an honest person  
an intense yet laid-back style  
a deep love for the blues  
a man who knew his roots  
and always gave back  
what he took away

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You made people cry  
and smile  
and feel but one emotion  
There was no hurt Stevie  
until now.

My life changed when I first saw you  
oh how things seemed different then  
a man with his blues  
a man with his heartfelt emotions  
a man finding himself  
so it was ...  
I was saddened  
with your loss  
I never knew you Stevie  
but you remain as family  
always with me  
in Austin and beyond  
I carry all your thoughts with me  
of love and hope and happiness  
So maybe I can be  
half the man you were  
You showed us so much  
in such a short time  
showed us honesty  
with the world and oneself  
through music and spoken word  
spoke out for your friends  
at every concert you gave  
I'll never forget any of those moments  
so happy to see a man  
with a rejuvenated life  
ahead of him  
the past behind him  
the future waiting to accept him

One year ago  
Eric helped me feel better  
by playing honest music  
Tonight I played  
to ease the hurt within me  
I'll always play with you in mind

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Stevie, you will always be  
a candle in my life  
you led me to my promised land  
I thank you  
I'll never forget you  
or your music  
or the things you said or did  
your memory lives on with me  
like family you'll always be  
I'll play on Stevie  
but damn it buddy I'll miss you  
we'll share our lives  
in Riviera Paradise  
for I'll always remember  
the person that left us behind  
I miss you Stevie Ray

If you're up there  
keep one eye on me  
and make sure to remind me  
if I go wrong  
you exemplified the "good person"  
I hope to also ...  
someday.

Stevie -  
on this August 27  
I get another year older  
and wiser  
but I sure don't forget  
what you did for me  
Stevie -  
you won't be forgotten ever  
we'll miss you  
we'll see ya in the next world, ok?  
Play on Stevie Ray  
Play on ...