

"I Will Survive," the Coronavirus version for teachers and professors going online, with lyrics adapted by Dr. [Michael Bruening](#), historian at Missouri University of Science and Technology (originally performed by American singer [Gloria Gaynor](#) in 1978 and written by [Freddie Perren](#) and Dino Fekaris)

At first I was afraid, I was petrified  
Kept thinking I could never teach through Canvas all the time  
But then I spent so many nights reading the help docs for so long  
And I grew strong  
And I learned how to get along

And so I'm back  
Students are gone  
As all my colleagues try to figure out how they're gonna get along  
I should have kept up with the tech, not skipped that class on course design  
If I'd known for just one second I'd be teaching all-online

Go on now, go, leave me alone  
I've got to figure out  
Just how to lecture using Panopto  
You gave me two days to adjust, to move everything online  
Did you think I'd crumble  
Did you think I'd lay down and die?

Oh no, not I, I will survive  
Oh, as long as I know how to Zoom, I know I'll be alive  
Oh, my students still will learn  
And my paychecks I will earn, and I'll survive  
I will survive, hey, hey

It took all the strength I had not to lay down and die  
Kept trying hard to mend the pieces of my syllabi  
And I spent oh so many nights just feeling sorry for myself  
I used to cry

But now I hold my head up high and you'll see me  
Teaching on zoom  
But just don't cough into the mic or every eye will be on you  
I can't hear you, you're on mute, your camera's black, are you still there?  
We've got some glitches to work out, but I know my grading scheme is fair

Oh now, go, walk out the door  
Trying to get this lecture done  
And I'm already on take four  
Now the network has gone down, and I'm all out of wine  
Do you think I'll crumble  
Do you think I'll lay down and die?

Oh no, not I, I will survive  
Oh, as long as I know how to zoom, I know I'll be alive  
My students still will learn  
And my paychecks I will earn and I'll survive  
I will survive  
Hey hey

**Original Lyrics:**

At first I was afraid, I was petrified  
Kept thinking I could never live without you by my side  
But then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me wrong  
And I grew strong  
And I learned how to get along

And so you're back  
From outer space  
I just walked in to find you here with that sad look upon your face  
I should have changed that stupid lock, I should have made you leave your key  
If I'd known for just one second you'd be back to bother me

Go on now, go, walk out the door  
Just turn around now  
'Cause you're not welcome anymore  
Weren't you the one who tried to hurt me with goodbye  
Do you think I'd crumble  
Did you think I'd lay down and die?

Oh no, not I, I will survive  
Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll stay alive  
I've got all my life to live  
And I've got all my love to give and I'll survive  
I will survive, hey, hey

It took all the strength I had not to fall apart  
Kept trying hard to mend the pieces of my broken heart  
And I spent oh-so many nights just feeling sorry for myself  
I used to cry  
But now I hold my head up high and you see me  
Somebody new

I'm not that chained-up little person and still in love with you  
And so you felt like dropping in and just expect me to be free  
Well, now I'm saving all my lovin' for someone who's loving me

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