

# I DO

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*Dedicated to Mom and Dad on their 40<sup>th</sup>*

*Wedding Anniversary*

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## *Songwriter's Notes*

*My Mom and Dad celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in September, 2008. I knew I had to write a song for the occasion and "I Do" sort of came as an afterthought.*

*I started out trying to think of life circumstances that would allow two people to stay together for so many years, but nothing was coming. One night, Debi and I were getting ready for bed, and I said, "Times weren't always easy, but they weren't ever bad."*

*Debi turned and looked at me and I knew I had hit something! Sometimes you write the song from inside out, as that lyric lies squarely in the middle. But once I had that start, it came quickly and said exactly what I wanted.*

*It's hard sometimes to write for a specific event because it may not be what you're feeling at the time. But I think I pulled it off.*

## **Verse 1**

A photograph sits on the mantel in an old gold antique frame

Of two kids so in love sharing bites of wedding cake.

How could it be?

That long ago? Since we first said those two little words

And I remember thinking then they were the best I'd ever heard

And they still are.

Times weren't always easy, but they weren't ever bad

And the best day of my life was when you turned to me and said

## **Chorus**

I do, I will, I meant it when I said it then and you know that I still

Believe, that we, we were always meant to be me and you. I do.

## **Verse 2**

Now here we are, surrounded by our family and friends

And its times like this with you, I wish the day would never end.

But we know they do.

Too many times, I've let the moments like this just slip away

But I can tell you now there'll never be another day like that again.

So I'll tell you one more time, and forever and again

And the best place that I know to start is where it all began.

## **Bridge**

How could it be forty years, when it seems like yesterday?

And I hope a hundred more from now; somehow you'll hear me say

## **Repeat Chorus**

## **Tag**

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