

# ***I DON'T BLAME YOU***

*by Cat Power*

The song *I don't blame you*  
is taken from the album *You Are Free*  
released in 2003

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uQBY\\_9dKuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uQBY_9dKuk)

*Last time I saw you, you were on stage  
Your hair was wild, your eyes were red  
And you were in a rage  
You were swinging your guitar around  
Cause they wanted to hear that sound  
But you didn't want to play  
And I don't blame you  
I don't blame you  
Been around the world, in many situations  
Been inside many heads in different positions  
But you never wanted them that way  
What a cruel price you thought that you had to pay  
And that for all that shit on stage  
But it never made sense to them anyway  
Could you imagine if when they turned their backs  
They were only scratching their heads  
Cause you simply deserve the best  
And I don't blame you  
They said you were the best  
But then...*



It deals with the story of a singer who was destroyed by fame. Some nine years later, during an interview for The Guardian, Cat Power revealed that the song was more specifically about Nirvana's singer Kurt Cobain who had committed suicide in 1994 : "I've never told anybody this," she said, "but that is about Kurt Cobain. It's about him blowing his head off."  
The song could as well be about herself because she had alcohol and mental health problems in her life.

Chan Marshall, aka\* Cat Power, wrote it during a recording session. She said : "I remember when I was at the piano and we were mixing and I kept playing it over and over and over while no one was there. They were playing ping-pong and stuff. So I just asked, 'Can I record this song real quick?'"

\*also known as

