

# I'm Keeping This Life of Mine - Chorale

song for battered women

Alto

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*mf*

You can keep the ring I gave you You can

3 keep all the val - en - tines You can keep the sweat - er you can

6 keep the love let - ters But I'm keep - ing this life of mine You can

9 take back the si - lence I gave you When you struck me with an - ger and

12 hate You can keep your a - mends you can keep all our friends But I'm

15 *ff* keep - ing this life of mine *mp* I'll keep this - shat - tered mir - ror *f* And

19 gaze in it from time to time *mf* To re - mind me of the ter - ror *f* I'm

23 *ff* *fff* \*keening or yelling tone here

leav - ing far be - hind Ah Ah

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Ah Ah Ah - Ah - Ah - - - Ah - - -

32 *mf*

Ah - Ah - - - You can keep the ring you gave me As a

36 *f* *mf*

sym - bol of bon - dage and pain You can keep the loan - - on this

39 *fff*

god damned home But I'm keep - ing this life of mine I'm

42 *ffff*

keep - ing this life of mine I'm keep - ing this life of mine