

Shelter From the Storm

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“Shelter From the Storm” is an organization in southern New Hampshire that provides transitional housing for people who have lost housing. The aim is to have people back to traditional housing in about nine months. We feel privileged to be able to support this group with our song.

1. Started out to raise a family, worked my fingers to the bone
Filled every waking hour, trying to build a loving home.
Then they shut the factory down
I lost my work, we lost our home
Never felt so helpless or alone.

(Chorus)

I needed Shelter From the Storm
Did not need forever
A place to keep me warm, with my dignity intact
A Shelter From the Storm.

2. Had a dream to raise a family, a child to call my own
There'd be someone to love us, in a safe and peaceful home.
Then home became a prison
I had to leave the life I'd known.
Never felt so helpless or alone.

(Chorus)

3. After 50 years of working, my body's filled with pain
But my wife and I are happy, secure in what remains.
So how did we lose our savings
And how did we lose our home?
Never felt so helpless or alone.

(Chorus)

Bridge:

To find people who are caring, when you're lost and all alone
To provide a bridge from heartbreak, back to living on your own.

(Chorus)