

# GLORIA GAYNOR – I WILL SURVIVE

## *About Gloria Gaynor*

Gloria Gaynor was one of the biggest disco-artists, notably through her major hits such as “I will survive”, “Never can say goodbye”, and “Let me know (I have a right)”. She is from the USA and grew up in Newark, New Jersey. Throughout her long career she has been associated with various R&B artists and disco labels.

## *Questions for “I Will Survive”*

1. In the song Gaynor often refers to a “You”. Who do you think this is? Who do you think Gaynor sings to?
2. In the chorus Gaynor sings “I will survive”. What do you think this refers to?
3. What does Gaynor mean when she sings “But then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me wrong”?
4. Does she mean this literally? “Did you think I’d lay down and die”? If not, what does it symbolize?
5. What do you think is the main issue of the song – what has happened prior to the song?
6. What could be the message to the ones who listen to the song, apart from the one she sings to?
7. Can you find any metaphors or symbolism for other issues or topics?
8. The common interpretation of the song is that it is about a woman overcoming a heartbreak, but can this song be interpreted in other ways?