

## THE WORST THAT I'VE EVER BEEN HURT IN MY LIFE

The Louvin Brothers were an American country music duo composed of brothers Ira Lonnie Loudermilk (1924–1965) and Charlie Elzer Loudermilk (1927–2011), better known as Ira and Charlie Louvin. They helped popularize close harmony, and could be considered direct forerunners of duos like The Everly Brothers.. The brothers are cousins to John D. Loudermilk, a Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member. You can hear a lovely rendition of this song by Jim and Jesse at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtD1nltX5\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtD1nltX5_s)

### WHEN I STOP DREAMING

■ *The Louvin Brothers*

#### Chorus:

**G**                      **C**                      **G**                      **D**      **G**  
When I stop dreaming, that's when I'll stop loving you.

**G**  
The worst that I've ever been hurt in my life  
**D**                      **C**                      **G**  
The first time I ever have wanted to die.  
**G**                      **C**  
Was the night when you told me you loved someone else.  
**G**                      **D**  
And asked me if I could forget.

#### Chorus (thinking of you)

I feel like a flower unwanted in spring  
Alone and neglected, transplanted in vain.  
To a garden of sadness where its petals would fall  
In the shadows of undying pain.

#### Chorus (crying for you)

You may teach the flowers to bloom in the snow  
You may take a pebble and teach it to grow  
You may teach all the raindrops to return to the cloud  
But you can't teach my heart to forget.

#### Chorus (crying for you)