

Cry me a River – Julie London

"Cry Me a River" is a popular American "torch" song, written by Arthur Hamilton, published in 1953 and made famous in 1955 by Julie London.

A "torch" song is a sentimental love song, typically one in which the singer laments an unrequited or lost love. The term comes from the saying, "to carry a torch for someone".

Now you say you're lonely
You cry the long night through
Well, you can cry me a river, cry me a river
I cried a river over you

Now you say you're sorry
For being so untrue *
Well, you can cry me a river, cry me a river
I cried a river over you

You drove me, nearly drove me out of my head *
While you never shed a tear *
Remember, I remember all that you said
Told me love was too plebeian *
Told me you were through with me * and

Now you say you love me
Well, just to prove you do
Come on and cry me a river, cry me a river
I cried a river over you
I cried a river over you
I cried a river over you

* Vocabulary:

to be untrue = to be unfaithful

to drive someone out of their head = to make someone crazy (usually with love)

to shed a tear = to cry

plebeian = like a common person (PT: plebeu)
(Origin: Latin, "pleb"=common person)

to be through with someone = to end a relationship with someone



Julie London (1926-2000)
American singer/actress