

# Melissa Etheridge's Ex Surprised by Divorce



Melissa Etheridge filed divorce papers to end her nine-year domestic relationship with actress Tammy Lynn Michaels on Saturday, [E! Online](#) reported. Michael's commented on the news that day on her blog, and wrote, "Gentle waves/ no noise for awhile/ or maybe gentle voices/and SMACK!!!!!! FILE FOR DIVORCE!!!!/ even though we both promised, agreed, handshook, pinkyswore/no filing until after tour/in the fall," Michaels wrote Saturday. "Her broken promises told to me by headlines....could you stop blind sighting me?/ Have a good concert." The 49-year-old singer filed on the grounds of irreconcilable differences, and requested that Michaels receive no financial support. The actress' response? "I know she doesn't want to give me money. trust. i'm borrowing cash left and right from people to get through this summer, and feed my kids, with a stomach full of ulcers, thank you. no stress here. :-)"

## How can you deal with the financial burden of divorce?

### Cupid's Advice:

Divorce is typically a financial burden for both parties.

Read Cupid's suggestions for coping with a decreased cash flow.

**1. Be mindful:** Before spending money, ask yourself whether the purchase will bring long-term enjoyment, or just temporary pleasure.

**2. Create a budget:** Creating a budget will provide the financial organization needed to save for future monetary

needs.

**3. Allow others to help:** Let go of your pride and acceptance assistance. Help may come from friends, family, or even the government. If you need it, ask, before you dig yourself deep into debt.