## Joni Mitchell "A Strange Boy"

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A strange boy is weaving a course of grace and havoc On a yellow skateboard through midday sidewalk traffic

Just when I think, he's foolish and childish and I want him to be manly I catch my fool and my child, needing love and understanding

What a strange, strange boy He still lives with his family Even the war and the navy Couldn't bring him to maturity

He keeps referring back to school days and clinging to his child

Fidgeting and bullied, his crazy wisdom holding onto something wild

He asked me to be patient, well, I failed, "Grow up", I cried

And as the smoke was clearing he said, "Give me one good reason why"

What a strange, strange boy He sees the cars as sets of waves Sequences of mass and space He sees the damage in my face

We got high on travel and we got drunk on alcohol And on love the strongest poison and medicine of all

See how that feeling comes and goes Like the pull of moon on tides Now I am surf rising Now parched ribs of sand at his side

What a strange, strange boy I gave him clothes and jewelry I gave him my warm body I gave him power over me

A thousand glass eyes were staring in a cellar full of antique dolls

I found an old piano and sweet chords rose up in waxed New England halls
While the boarders were snoring under crisp white sheets of curfew
We were newly lovers then, we were fire in the stiff blue haired house rules

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