

# **Joni Mitchell**

## **"Chelsea Morning"**

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Woke up, it was a Chelsea Morning  
And the first thing that I heard  
Was a song outside my window  
And the traffic wrote the words

It came a reelin' up  
Like Christmas bells  
And rappin' up  
Like pipes and drums

Oh, won't you stay  
We'll put on the day  
And we'll wear it  
'Til the night comes

Woke up, it was a Chelsea Morning  
And the first thing that I saw  
Was the sun through yellow curtains  
And a rainbow on the wall

Blue, red, green  
And gold to welcome you  
Crimson crystal beads  
To beckon

Oh, won't you stay  
We'll put on the day  
There's a sun show  
Every second

Now the curtain opens  
On a portrait of today  
And the streets  
Are paved with passersby

And pigeons fly  
And papers lie  
Waitin' to blow away

Woke up, it was a Chelsea Morning  
And the first thing that I knew  
There was milk and toast and honey

And a bowl of oranges too

And the sun poured  
In like butterscotch  
And stuck  
To all my senses

Oh, won't you stay  
We'll put on the day  
And we'll talk  
In present tenses

When the curtain closes  
And the rainbow runs away  
I will bring you incense owls by night  
By candlelight

By jewel-light  
If only you will stay  
Pretty baby, won't you  
Wake up, it's a Chelsea Morning

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