

# Joni Mitchell

## "Chinese Cafe/unchained Melody"

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Caught in the middle  
Carol, we're middle class  
We're middle aged  
We were wild in the old days  
Birth of rock 'n roll days  
Now your kids are coming up straight  
And my child's a stranger  
I bore her  
But, I could not raise her  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Down at the Chinese Cafe  
We'd be dreaming on our dimes  
We'd be playing--  
"Oh my love, my darling"  
One more time

Uranium money  
Is booming in the old home town now  
It's putting up sleek concrete  
Tearing the old landmarks down now  
Paving over brave little parks  
Ripping off Indian land again  
How long--how long  
Short sighted business men  
Ah, nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Down at the Chinese Cafe  
We'd be dreaming on our dimes  
We'd be playing--  
"You give your love, so sweetly"  
One more time

Christmas is sparkling  
Out on Carol's lawn  
This girl of my childhood games  
With kids nearly grown and gone  
Grown so fast  
Like the turn of a page  
We look like our mothers did now

When we were those kids' age  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Nothing lasts for long--  
Down at the Chinese Cafe  
We'd be dreaming on our dimes  
We'd be playing--  
"Oh my love, my darling  
I've hungered for your touch  
A long lonely time  
And time goes by so slowly  
And time can do so much  
Are you still mine?  
I need your love  
I need your love  
God speed your love to me."  
(Time goes--where does the time go--  
I wonder where the time goes. . .)

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