Joni Mitchell "CHINESE CAFEUNCHAINED 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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