

# Joni Mitchell

## "How Do You Stop?"

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Hard bodies

Soft emotions

So fast

So smart

The world is at your feet

But what about your heart?

Fame and fortune can't hold you tight

In the late late hours of the night

How do you stop

Before it's too late?

You choose and you lose

If you hesitate

How do you stop

Before it's too late?

You think love will wait

So you don't hold on

And then it's gone

You've had success-

Lots of fancy friends

You've tasted the good life

You thought it would never end

One day you're too young

Then you're in your prime

Then you're looking back at the hands of time

How do you stop

Before it's too late?

You choose and you lose

If you hesitate

How do you stop

Before it's too late?

You think love will wait

So you don't hold on

And then it's gone

How do you stop a runaway train?

How do you stop the driving rain?

How do you stop the ripening corn?

How do you stop a baby being born?

How do you stop

Before it's too late?  
You choose and you lose  
If you hesitate  
How do you stop  
Before it's too late?  
How do you stop?  
You're lost if you hesitate ...  
How do you stop  
Love from slipping away?  
How do you stop  
Before it's too late?

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