

Joni Mitchell

"If"

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If you can keep your head
While all about you
People are losing theirs
And blaming you

If you can trust yourself
When everybody doubts you
And make allowance
For their doubting too

If you can wait
And not get tired of waiting
And when lied about
Stand tall, don't deal in lies

And when hated
Don't give in to hating back
Don't need to look so good
Don't need to talk too wise

If, if you can dream
And not make dreams your master
If you can think
And not make intellect your game

If you can meet with
Triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters
Just the same

If, if you can force your heart
And nerve and sinew
To serve you
After all of them have gone

And so hold on
When there is nothing in you
Nothing but the will
That's telling you to hold on, hold on

If, if you can bear to hear
The truth you've spoken

Twisted and misconstrued
By some smug fool

Or watch your life's work
Torn apart and broken down
And stoop to build again
With worn out tools

If you can draw a crowd
And keep your virtue
Or walk with kings
And keep the common touch

If neither enemies nor loving friends
Can hurt you
If everybody counts with you
But none too much

If, if you can fill the journey
Of the minute
With sixty seconds worth of
Wonder and delight

Then the earth is yours
And everything that's in it
But more than that I know
You'll be alright, you'll be alright

'Cause you've got the fight
You've got the insight
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