

## How Long Does It Hurt (when A Heart Breaks)

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How long does it hurt when a heart breaks?  
How long can you stand the pain?  
How long does one dream when a dream die  
And only the memories remain?

It seems it must take forever  
To forget the love you once knew  
How long does it hurt when a heart breaks?  
How long must the heart ache for you?

How long does it hurt when a heart breaks?  
Oh, how many tears must fall  
Before one is free from the chains  
Of a love that's beyond all recall?

I keep saying, "Soon, I'll forget you"  
But somehow, I'll never do  
How long does it hurt when a heart breaks?  
As long as I keep loving you