

# I Didn't See The Time Go By

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Now as the wheel of life turns faster  
Now as the seasons seem to fly  
I see so many things at last, but didn't see the time go by  
I've known delight, I've known disaster  
The caviar, the humble pie  
From the absurd to the sublime  
I didn't see the time go by  
I didn't see the years roll on  
I didn't know the road would bend  
Refused to see when youth was gone  
Pretending it might never end  
Now, there is price to pay for every day I threw away  
It seems I've wasted half a lifetime  
within the blinking of an eye  
I didn't hear the midnight chime  
I didn't see the time go by  
In still of nights and brief romances  
I kissed the girls and made them cry  
While there were balconies to climb  
I didn't see the time go by  
I was the guy with all the answers,  
the halfway-truths, the little lies  
So sure, so certain in my prime  
I didn't see the time go by  
I hit the heights, I bit the dirt  
I left some wreckage in my way  
I didn't see that lies can hurt  
I didn't know how hearts can break  
And now, they come to haunt my mind,  
the lives I touched and left behind  
I've sung a hundred songs of longing,  
of sweet regret and hope run dry  
I've searched for melody and rhyme,  
but never saw how time can fly,  
never saw the darkening sky  
I was a minstrel of my time  
Who did not see the time go by