

# Didn't I

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There are times to remember and times that I wish to forget  
Our time together was tinged with love and regret  
Oh my girl, my sweet, sweet little girl

Didn't I try to tell ya  
That life was for living  
Oh, didn't I?  
And wasn't I the guy who said  
Stay away from that tribe  
Oh, wasn't I?  
And didn't I try to tell ya  
That stuff's gonna kill ya  
Oh, didn't I?  
But you thought it was cool  
And I was just an old fool  
Oh, look at ya

You left home for the city with Hollywood stars in your eyes  
Now your mother God bless her cries herself to sleep every night  
Oh my girl, my sweet, innocent girl

Didn't I search the streets  
For the beggars, pimps and cheats  
Oh, didn't I?  
And didn't I try to guide ya  
Through a baptism of fire  
Oh, didn't I?  
And didn't I try to warn ya  
About them folk in California  
Oh, didn't I?  
But you said daddy, please, don't worry  
I got friends out there who love me  
Now look at ya

Oh baby come back home, we can work this out  
There is no blame  
I wanna hold you close and stroke your hair  
And share your pain, yeah

Didn't I do the best for you  
Tried to make you stay in school  
Didn't I?  
Once I was your hero  
But I went from ten to zero  
Oh, didn't I?  
Now listen  
For a roll of the dice  
You nearly paid the ultimate price  
Oh, didn't ya?  
Now I stand by your bedside  
Watching you fight for your life

Where's the innocence?  
Where's the future?  
Where's the beauty?  
Where's the promise?

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