

You Have to Hurt

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"I'm in love with him", she said
With all the innocence of tender years
But somewhere down the road ahead
I could see the same eyes
Filled with bitter tears
I had the inclination
To tell her not to drop her guard
To tell her that life can be hard
But I didn't have the heart

[Chorus:]

You have to hurt - to understand
You have to get by the best you can
Until you hurt - until you cry
You won't know about love
And the reason you're alive
You have to hurt

She said, "I know he'll never leave me
I never felt it deep inside like this before"
It was good to see her, believe me
But I couldn't stand to hear this anymore

All that expectation
Too naive to really see
Maybe she knew better than me
It was better just to let her be

[Chorus]

Little sister, you're so sweet
Thinking love runs smooth
You don't know the half of it
We laugh until we lose
There's no way around it

[Chorus]