

# Life By Mistake

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So you were right when you said I was just a fake  
You just got used and when you're used you're thrown away  
Look at me now, look at the lines upon my face  
And look at my crowd, haven't we all lived like it's a race

And there are times I sense the trails of pain I leave  
When over the road there hangs those springtime lynching trees  
Just look around, everyone's acting the same way  
In a playground town where we can all live like it's a race  
Where we can all live for we can take  
But haven't we all lived life by mistake

And haven't we all chased time Like a paper cup down the street  
and up the stairs  
And haven't we all found the door is shut  
And the keys are everywhere  
In this life by mistake

And there are moments when the heavens open wide  
When you can hold your dreams and see your future bright  
Look at me now, haven't I tried to do what's right  
The way I know how, I have acquired my life like a taste  
And I have tried to live the right way  
But I have lived my life by mistake