

## Beaten to the Punch

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You say that you can and then you run to get your mummy  
And you're almost beaten to the punch  
Looking for the man who sold you the dummy  
And you're almost beaten to the punch  
Laughing at the older guys who say it's just as well  
Saved by the wedding bell  
Almost beaten to the punch  
You're looking for somebody new that you can knock around  
You are almost beaten to the punch  
If you've got a head for figures then you'd better count me out  
You were almost beaten to the punch  
You pulled the piece but you soon called it love  
You go hand in glove  
Almost beaten to the punch

Your body speaks much louder than your voice  
You let it do the talking so I don't have any choice

Now you find the younger guys are putting up resistance  
And you're almost beaten to the punch  
You better get out now because you'll never go the distance  
And you're almost beaten to the punch  
You'll find a girl and you'll promise her anything  
Even a wedding ring  
Almost beaten to the punch