

If You Want to Feel

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Oh God, they got you gun shy
You know your skin's as cold as ice
Your eyes are double filtered babe
You're so afraid to be nice

There's no way you're ready
To let your defenses down
Though I won't come on heavy
There is a lesson that I've found

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And if you don't feel, you'll never cry
And if you don't cry, then you'll never heal

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There are corners out there
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And you've got to be prepared to turn

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In the years of your youth
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You know you've got to get burned

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Can't you feel excitement
Feel it welling up inside
What makes you think emotion
Is something that you hide

Yes, I might take advantage
But I'll be gentle if I do
And I'll be here in the morning
Still lookin' at you

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If you want to heal babe
Oh, you know you got to feel babe
Oh, don't you want to feel it babe
Feel it babe, feel it babe
Don't you want to feel it babe