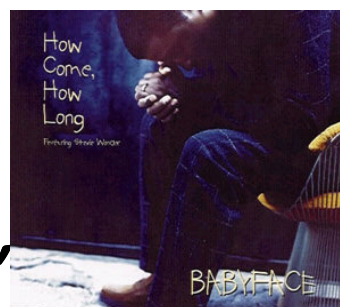


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FEATURING STEVIE WONDER, "HOW COME? HOW LONG?"



"How Come, How Long" by Kenneth Edmonds (Babyface) is a song about a woman killed by her lover. No one comes to her aid and turn a blind eye to the abuse. The song was meant to raise awareness about physical abuse.

[Cross out and order the abused words]

There was a ~~girl~~ I used to know *girl!*
She was oh so bfilutueau
But she's not heer anymore
She dah a college degree
Smart as anyone docul be
She had so much to levi for
But she fell in vole
With the wrong kind of nam
He desabu her love and treated her so bad
.....
There was not enough education in her
drowl
That could save the life of this little girl

[Number the abused lines]

... *As well as your eyes.*
... *Do we let it just go on.*
1 *How come? How long?*
... *It's not right. It's so wrong*
... *Open up your hearts*
... *Right now. We can't wait*
... *She won't have a second try*
... *Turn our backs and carry on*
... *Wake up for it's too late*
.

[Correct the ~~crossed-out~~ abused lines]

She tried to give ~~for help a cry~~. *A help for cry*
She even blamed things ~~herself on~~,

But no one came ~~her aid to~~
Nothing was wrong as far as we could tell
That's what we'd like to tell ourselves,
But no: ~~that way it wasn't~~
So ~~love fell in she~~
With ~~the wrong man of kind~~
And she paid ~~her life with~~
~~that man~~ For loving.
So ~~ignore we cannot~~
We must ~~the signs for look~~
And ~~next time maybe~~
We might ~~somebody's life save~~

[Ignore the abused word and circle the right one]

I on occasion met/saw that guy.
He stirred up bad/fine feelings deep inside.
Something about her/him wasn't right:
The way he proves/shows himself a man
By beating his woman with his fists/hands.
Oh I wish she'd seen the light/night.
How can someone like him/that
Call himself a man/person?
In fact/reality he's far more less than that
And we cannot ignore/reject
Whenever we see the marks/signs
'cause any kind of abuse/hate
God knows isn't right/wrong

Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds (born 1958), is an American R&B and pop singer, songwriter, guitarist, keyboardist, record producer, film producer, and entrepreneur.



Stevie Wonder (born 1950) is an American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and record producer. A prominent figure in popular music during the latter half of the 20th century, Stevie Wonder has recorded more than 30 top ten hits.

