

# The Hard Way

[Eric Church](#)

Only fools would race down Grist Mill Road  
Let alone in angry weather  
That's what I tell everyone I know  
Now that I know better  
That's a lesson I wish I would've learned  
Without havin' to watch my Mustang burn  
Before my best buddy had to wind up hurt  
An' his whole life was changed  
That's a lesson I wish I didn't learn  
The hard way  
Only a fool would keep a diamond ring  
In a box on the top of his closet  
He came so close, he almost asked  
It was right there in his pocket  
That's a lesson I wish I would've learned  
Before standin' in the back row of that church  
Watchin' her daddy givin' her  
To the man who took my place  
That's a lesson I wish I didn't learn  
The hard way  
Regret's been know to give a man a beatin'  
But I ain't in the mood for fightin' back this evenin'  
Only fools don't take the time of day  
They stay too busy runnin'  
To stop just once and tell their dad  
An' just how much they love him  
That's a lesson I wish I would've learned  
Before that phone call came an' it was her  
No, mamma never had to say a word  
I knew it was too late  
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