

# The Big Heat

[Stan Ridgway](#)

The room was dark  
It looked like someone had to get out fast  
A window open by the fire escape  
"How long have you been following this guy?"  
The bell boy asked  
"Not long enough, 'cause we got here too late."

CHORUS

"And everybody wants another piece of pie today," he said  
"You gotta watch the ones who always keep their hands clean."

It's the big heat  
There's someone followin' you  
It's the big heat  
Step aside we're comin' through  
Well we followed him from Tucson, ended up in Baton Rouge  
We trailed him here with information by  
A woman he knew in Barstow that would like to see him dead  
That was four weeks ago...well maybe five

CHORUS

A block away he wondered if he'd left behind a clue  
The front page of a paper dated 1992  
He remembered when he used to be the chairman of the board  
But that was when the world was young and long before the war

CHORUS

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