

# Trouble Child

[Joni Mitchell](#)

Up in a sterilized room  
Where they let you be lazy  
Knowing your attitude's all wrong and you got to change  
And that's not easy Dragon shining with all values known  
Dazzling you, keeping you from your own  
Where is the lion in you to defy him?  
When you're this weak and this spacey So what are you gonna do about it?  
You can't live life and you can't leave it  
Advice and religion, you can't take it  
You can't seem to believe it The peacock is afraid to parade  
You're under the thumb of the maid  
You really can't give love in this condition  
Still you know how you need it They open and close you  
Then they talk like they know you, they don't know you  
They're friends and they're foes too  
Trouble child, breaking like the waves at Malibu So why does it come as such a shock?  
To know you really have no one  
Only a river of changing faces  
Looking for an ocean They trickle through your leaky plans  
Another dream over the dam  
And you're lying in some room  
Feeling like your right to be human is going over too Well, some are gonna knock you  
Some'll try and clock you  
You know it's really hard to talk sense to you  
Trouble child, breaking like the waves at Malibu

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