

# If I'd Only Come And Gone

**Dr. Hook**

(Shel Silverstein) If I'd only come and gone  
The way I've always done with summer girls before  
Shared one night with you and never reached for more  
Then we wouldn't face this long and painful righting of the wrong  
If I'd just come and gone If I hadn't stayed so long  
And merely parked my dusty boots outside your door  
Tracked no footprints 'cross your polished hardwood floor  
If I'd have left you in your doorway smilin' drowsily at the dawn  
If I'd just come and gone Then I'd be on a shinin' silver plane dippin' into Denver  
Or a schooner blowin' down The Biscayne Bay  
You'd be safely tucked away among the pleasure I'd remember  
'Stead of lyin' here beside me fearin' restless thoughts inside me  
That might awaken with the breakin' of each new day If you'd only stopped to read  
Cold hard words I carved on other bedroom walls  
And heard the mornin' coffee truths I told 'em all  
I'd still be on your lips like some unfinished half-remembered song  
You'd never have loved me if I'd just come and gone If I'd only come and gone  
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