

# I Didn't Know What Time It Was

Barry Harris

Once I was young  
Yesterday, perhaps  
Danced with Jim and Paul  
And kissed some other chaps  
Once I was young  
But never was naïve  
I thought I had a trick or two  
Up my imaginary sleeve  
And now I know I was naïve  
I didn't know what time it was  
Then I met you  
Oh, what a lovely time it was  
How sublime it was too  
I didn't know what time it was  
You hold my hand  
Warm like the month of May it was  
And I'll say it was grand  
Grand to be alive, to be young  
To be mad, to be yours alone  
Grand to see your face, feel your touch  
Hear your voice say I'm all your own  
I didn't know what time it was  
Live was no prize, I wanted love and here it was  
Shining out of your eyes, I'm wise  
And I know what time it is now  
Once I was old  
Twenty years or so  
Rather well preserved  
The wrinkles didn't show  
Once I was old  
But not too old for fun  
I used to hunt for little girls  
Up my imaginary gun  
But now I ain't for only one  
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