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HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

WELL, I WENT TO SEE A GYPSY  
AND HAD MY FORTUNE READ  
SHE SAID, "DON, YOUR BABY'S GONNA LEAVE YOU  
HER BAG IS PACKED UP UNDER THE BED"  
AND I CRY

HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY, YEAH  
HAVE MERCY, YEAH, HAVE MERCY ON ME

I SAID, IF YOU LEAVE ME, BABY  
GIRL, IF YOU PUT ME DOWN  
WELL, I'M A GOIN' TO THE NEAREST RIVER, CHILD  
AND JUMP OVERBOARD AND DROWN  
BUT DON'T LEAVE ME

HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
MERCY, YEAH, HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

WELL, NOW, HEY HEY BABY, HEY HEY NOW  
WHAT YOU TRYIN' TO DO, HUH?  
HEY HEY BABY, HEY HEY NOW  
PLEASE DON'T SAY WE'RE THROUGH

I SAID, IF YOU STAY, BABY,  
I TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO  
I'M GONNA WORK TWO JOBS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK  
AND BRING MY MONEY HOME TO YOU

WELL, I SAID MERCY, MERCY, MERCY  
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HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

WELL, I WENT TO SEE THE GYPSY  
TO HAVE MY FORTUNE READ  
SHE SAID "MAN, YOUR BABY GONNA LEAVE YOU  
HER BAGS ARE PACKED UP UNDER THE BED"  
THAT'S RIGHT

HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

BUT, IF YOU LEAVE ME, BABY  
GIRL, IF YOU PUT ME DOWN  
I'M GONNA MAKE IT TO THE NEAREST RIVER, CHILD  
AND JUMP OVERBOARD AND DROWN  
THAT'S RIGHT

HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

I SAID, HEY HEY BABY, HEY HEY NOW  
WHAT YOU TRYING TO DO?  
HEY HEY BABY, HEY HEY NOW  
PLEASE DON'T SAY WE'RE THROUGH  
YEAH YEAH YEAH

HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

BUT IF YOU STAY, BABY  
I TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO  
I'M GONNA WORK TWO JOBS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK  
AND BRING MY MONEY HOME TO YOU  
THAT'S RIGHT

HAVE MERCY, PLEASE, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME

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HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY, BABY  
HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ON ME



"MERCY, MERCY" (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS "HAVE MERCY") IS A SOUL SONG FIRST RECORDED BY AMERICAN SINGER/SONGWRITER DON COVAY IN 1964. THE SONGWRITING IS USUALLY CREDITED TO COVAY AND RON ALONZO MILLER, ALTHOUGH OTHER CO-WRITERS' NAMES HAVE ALSO APPEARED ON VARIOUS RELEASES. IN LATE 1964, THE SONG BECAME A HIT FOR COVAY, REACHING NUMBER ONE ON THE CASH BOX R&B CHART AND NUMBER 35 ON THE BILLBOARD HOT 100. SEVERAL ARTISTS HAVE SINCE RECORDED "MERCY, MERCY", INCLUDING A WELL-KNOWN VERSION BY THE ROLLING STONES IN 1965. MORE RECENTLY, COVAY'S ORIGINAL VERSION HAS RECEIVED ATTENTION AS ONE OF JIMI HENDRIX'S FIRST RECORDINGS AS A SIDEMAN.

BY AGNES CHAFFEE, ALASDAIR DUNCAN, ALASDAIR ROBERTS, ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD, ALICIA HALL MORAN, ALIGHIERO BOETTI, ALISSA FARBER, ALVIN KRAKOW, ALVIN LUCIER, AMY WITKIN, ANA TISCORNIA, ANDREW LOONG OLDHAM, ANDREW LOVE, ANNE TERESA DE KEERSMAEKER, ANTHONY ALLEN, ARTHUR MILLER, ATHENA KIRK, BARBARA KRAKOW, BENJAMIN CHAFFEE, BOB WHITE, BOOKER T. JONES, BORIS GROYS, BRIAN JONES, BRIAN ZINK, CARLO SCHMID, CARY LEIBOWITZ, CHARMAINE WHEATLEY, COREY DANIELS, DAIKI SUZUKI, DANIEL SCHOLNICK, DAVID MARKS, DICK ALBRIGHT, DON COVAY, DONALD DUNN, EARL SIMMS, EHUD OLMERT, ELAINE STURTEVANT, ELLEN BERKMAN, ELSA MOISEY, EMILY ALEXANDER, EMILY ISENBERG, ENZO MARI, ERNA ROSENBERG, FELIX GUATTARI, FLOYD NEWMAN, FLORENCE CALABRESE, FRANZ XAVIER MESSERCHMIDT, GENE MILLER, GEORGE KUBLER, HAMISH FULTON, HANS PETER FELDMANN, HENRI HÉRAN, HORST P. HORST, HOWARD GARDNER, HOWARD MOODY, IRA WOOL, ISAAC HAYES, JAMES CASTLE, JAMES HARRIS, JAMES MICHAEL CURLEY, JACK NITSZCHE, JANET PASSEHL, JASON MORAN, JEFFREY KIPNIS, JENINE SHEREOS, JENNY WATKINS, JEREMY ZIEMANN, JESS ROSNER, JILL SLOSSBURG-ACKERMAN, JIM ACKERMAN, JIM HARRIS, JIMI HENDRIX, JOE SCANLAN, JOHN DEWEY, JOHN KRAMER, JOHN PAOLETTI, JOHN STUART GORDON, JOSÉ LUIS BLONDET, JUDITH BUTLER, JULIE GARFIELD REICH, KAATJE CUSSE, KAT PARKER-MONTELEONE, KATE SHEPHERD, KATHARINA GROSSE, KAY ROSEN, KEITH RICHARDS, KEITH WATTS, KENNETH GOLDSMITH, KIMON KIRK, LA MONTE YOUNG, LARA COCKEN, LARISSA HARRIS, LEAH WITKIN, LEE MINGWEI, LILA KANNER, LILIANA PORTER, MARSHA GINSBERG, MARTHA ROSLER, MARVIN HAGLER, MARY O'GRADY, MAUREEN FEENEY, MEGAN RILEY, MEGHAN PETERSEN, MICAH LEXIER, MICHAEL ASHER, MICHAEL BERNSTEIN, MICK JAGGER, MONYA ROWE, NATALIA VALERIA PORTER BOLLAND, NATASHA BURGER, NATE DOUGLASS, NICK ZAREMBA, NINA FELSHIN, NUIT BANAI, OTIS REDDING, OTOMO YOSHIHIDE, PAUL HERRMANN, PEDRO MARTINEZ, PETER DOWNSBROUGH, PETER KAYE, PETER LITTLEFIELD, PETER NESBETT, PETER PAKESCH, PIERANNA CAVALCHINI, PUFFIN D'OENCH, REBECCA SOLNIT, REI KAWAKUBO, ROB ALEXANDER, ROBERT CHRISTGAU, ROBERT HUOT, RON ALONZO MILLER, RONNIE WOOD, ROGER CONOVER, ROGER WITKIN, ROY MCMAKIN, RYAN CROSS, SAMANTHA CATALDO, SARA BAKER, SHELLBURNE THURBER, SHELLY BANCROFT, SKYELA HEITZ, STEPHANIE THEODORE, STEPHEN PRINA, STEVE CROPPER, STEVE REICH, STEVE ROMANSKY, STEVEN LEIBER, STEVEN SKOV HOLT, SU-MEI TSE, SUARA WELITOFF, TATYANA GUBASH, TERRY ALBRIGHT, TIM ALBRIGHT, TOM DOWD, TOPHER COX, TOSHI ICHIYANAGI, VERONICA ROBERTS, VINCENT KATZ, VIVIEN BITTENCOURT, WAYNE JACKSON, WILL NEWMAN, WILL OLDHAM, WILLIAM BELL, WISŁAWA SZYMBORSKA, WITOLD RYBCZYNSKI, YOSHI SHIMOYAMA AND YVES KLEIN, AMONG MANY OTHERS, ALL WITH ANDREW WITKIN



