

# Eric Church, The Hard Way

Only fools would race down Grist Mill Road  
Let alone in angry weather  
That what I tell everyone I know  
Now that I know better  
That's a lesson I wish I woulda learned  
Without havin' to watch my Mustang burn  
Before my best buddy had to wind up hurt  
An' his whole life changed  
That's a lesson I wish I didn't learn the hard way

Only a fool would keep a diamond ring  
In a box on the top of his closet  
He came so close; he almost asked  
It was right there in his pocket  
That's a lesson I wish I woulda learned  
Before standin' in the back row of that church  
Watchin' her daddy givin' her  
To the man who took my place  
That's a lesson I wish I didn't learn the hard way

Regret's been know to give a man a beatin'  
But I ain't in the mood for fightin' back this evenin'

Only fools don't take the time of day  
They stay too busy runnin'  
An' to stop just once to tell their Dad  
Just how much they love him  
That's a lesson I wish I woulda learned  
Before that phone call came an' it was her  
No, Momma never had to say a word  
I knew it was too late  
That's a lesson I wish I didn't learn the hard way

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