Jim Croce, The Hard Way Every Time

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'Cause I've had my share of good intentions And I've made my share of mistakes And I've learned at times it's best to bend 'Cause if you don't well those are the breaks Should have listened to all the things I was told But I was young and too proud at the time Now I look at myself to find I learn the hard way ev'ry time

But in looking back at the lessons I've learned And the mountains I wanted to climb I just look at myself to find I've learned the hard way ev'ry time

'Cause I've had my share of broken dreams And more than a couple of falls And in chasin' what I thought were moonbeams I have run into a couple of walls But in looking back at the faces I've been I would sure be the first one to say When I look at myself today Wouldn'ta done it any other way