

Rebecca Lynn Howard, When Did You Ever Listen

(Gary Cotton/Tim Johnson)

I've tried some straight conversation
Even whispered the words in your ear
I've talked 'till I'm blue in the face
And thought I made myself perfectly clear
Now I'm on the edge of leavin'
And you're asking how can that be
I've wasted too much breath explaining
Oh and when did you ever listen to me
I could stand at the mouth of a canyon
Yell the truth straight into the wind
I can't take being taken for granted
And I wish I could make it sink in
I could tell you you're gonna get lonely
And just how sorry you'll be
But you won't believe me until I am gone
When did you ever listen to me
You'll have to watch the doors slam behind me
Smell the cloud of dust from my car
Taste your own tears on the pillow
Feel the break deep in your heart
Maybe then you'll come to your senses
You'll hear what I can't make you see
When you ask yourself the same question
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