

If Not Now

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(Capo 2)

(V1)

E7

Don't waste a minute

You've been taking your sweet time, now you must put down your dime

A

Now that you're in it

You've been thinking you're exempt, that your gifts need not be spent

E7

You can begin it

It's not for you to do it all, but you can't ignore the call

(Pre-chorus)

B7

A

Can't be put aside again, if not now then tell me when

D A D A C G C G Bb C D7 E7

Can you afford to miss one more precious day?

(Chorus)

A

E7

G

A

B7

E7

Im ein ani li mi li // Uch'she-ani l'atz-mi mah ani?

Im lo ach-shav ei-ma-tai? // Im lo ach-shav ↓↓ ei-ma-tai?

(V2)

While you've been waiting

You've been sittin' this one out, no more time to mess about

Afraid, hesitating

Our fears can be just like a jail, so afraid that we might fail

Life's percolating

New lives, new loves, new work and more; all the things you're yearning for

(Pre-chorus)

Life just isn't now and then, if not now then tell me when

Can you afford to miss one more precious day?

(Chorus)

(V1 revisited)

Don't waste a minute

Don't-----waste----- one more minute!

Now that you're in it

You-----are-----smack dab in it!

You can begin it

Some----how-----you can begin it!

(Pre-chorus)

Can't be put aside again, if not now then tell me when

Can you afford to miss one more precious day?

(Chorus)