

## Cocaine

(J.J. Cale/Eric Clapton)

[Verse 1]

If you want to hang out  
You've got to take her out  
Cocaine  
If you want to get down  
Down on the ground  
Cocaine

[Chorus]

She don't lie  
She don't lie  
She don't lie  
Cocaine

[Verse 2]

If you got bad news  
You want to kick the blues  
Cocaine  
When your day is done  
And you want to ride on  
Cocaine

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

She don't lie  
She don't lie  
She don't lie  
Cocaine

[Verse 3]

If your day is gone  
And you want to ride on  
Cocaine  
Don't forget this fact  
You can't get it back  
Cocaine

[Chorus]

She don't lie  
She don't lie  
She don't lie  
Cocaine  
She don't lie  
She don't lie  
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"Cocaine" is a song written and recorded in 1976 by singer-songwriter J. J. Cale. The song was popularized by Eric Clapton after his cover version was released on the 1977 album *Slowhand*.

A live version of "Cocaine" from the album *Just One Night* charted on the Billboard Hot 100 as the B-side of "Tulsa Time", which was a No. 30 hit in 1980. "Cocaine" was one of several of Cale's songs recorded by Clapton, including "After Midnight" and "Travelin' Light". AllMusic critic Richard Gilliam called the latter "among [Clapton's] most enduringly popular hits" and noted that "even for an artist like Clapton with a huge body of high-quality work, 'Cocaine' ranks among his best."

Clapton described "Cocaine" as an anti-drug song. He called the song "quite cleverly anti-cocaine".