

The Passion  
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Intro

**Em Am G Em C G (2x)**

**Em Am G**  
The fear of a daughter runs high  
**Em C G**  
In the the mind of a father to be  
**Em Am G**  
For something is growing inside  
**Em C G**  
But we don t talk about it, do we

**Em Am G**  
In the long empty passionless night  
**Em C G**  
Many times to herself she has prayed  
**Em Am G**  
That the baby will love her much more  
**Em C G**  
Than the big boy who stole her away

**C C/B C C/B C C/B G**  
And sometimes it takes a grown man a long time to learn  
**C C/B C C/B C C/B G**  
Just what it would take a child a night to learn

**Bm Em Cm G**  
It pains her to know that some things will never be right  
**Bm Em Cm D**  
If the baby is just someone else to take sides in the fight

**Em Am G**  
Harsh words between bride and groom  
**Em C G**  
The distance is greater each day  
**Em Am G**  
He smokes alone in the next room  
**Em C G**  
And she knits her life away

**C C/B C C/B C C/B G**  
And sometimes it takes a grown man a long time to learn

C C/B C C/B C C/B G  
Just what it would take a child a night to learn

Em Em Cm G  
A long time ago she saw visions on the stairs

Em Em Cm D  
And when she felt dizzy her mother was always there

Em Am G  
The home help is no help at all

Em C G  
I have not committed a crime

Em Am G  
Angels gaze down from the wall

Em C G  
Is there a God, Is there a next time