

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

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

Bm 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