

The Joke

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[Intro] **D Am7 G D**

D **Am7**
You re feeling nervous, aren t you, boy?
G **D**
With your quiet voice and impeccable style
Am7
Don t ever let them steal your joy
G **D**
And your gentle ways, to keep em from running wild

They can kick dirt in your face
Am7
Dress you down, and tell you that your place
G **D**
Is in the middle, when they hate the way you shine
Am7
I see you tugging on your shirt
G **D**
Trying to hide inside of it and hide how much it hurts

D **Am7**
Let em laugh while they can
G **Gm** **D**
Let em spin, let em scatter in the wind
F# **G**
I have been to the movies, I ve seen how it ends
Gm **D**
And the joke s on them

D **Am7**
You get discouraged, don t you, girl?
G **D**
It s your brother s world for a while longer
D
We gotta dance with the devil on a river
Am7
To beat the stream
G **D**
Call it living the dream, call it kicking the ladder
D
They come to kick dirt in your face
Am7
To call you weak and then displace you
G **D**
After carrying your baby on your back across the desert
Am7

I saw your eyes behind your hair

G

D

And you're looking tired, but you don't look scared

D

Am7

Let 'em laugh while they can

G

Gm

D

Let 'em spin, let 'em scatter in the wind

F#

G

I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends

Gm

D

And the jokes on them

(**D Am7 G D**)

D

Am7

Let 'em laugh while they can

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Gm

D

Let 'em spin, let 'em scatter in the wind

F#

G

I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends

Gm

D

Am7 - G - Gm

And the jokes on them

[Final] **D Am7 G D**

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