

**Clocks**

**Brandon Flowers**

**F# B C# B G#m C#**

**F#**

The teacher had you write a letter, you were eight years old

**B**

About the man that you'd become and the positions you'd hold

**C#**

**B**

But this was long before you and Jackie Geronimo met

**G#m**

**C#**

In the Prelude Park at midnight

**F#**

Now when it came to bells and whistles, Jackie did not lack

**B**

And when she kissed you on the kisser, boy, you kissed her back

**C#**

**B**

Now you tell her that you love her and she cuts you slack

**G#m**

**C#**

When you drink with your buddies on the weekend

**B**

**C#**

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**F#**

**F#/F#**

**Ebm**

**C#**

**B**

You spend your whole life dropping nickels in the bucket, Wakin up at dawn

**G#m**

**Bb**

**Ebm**

**C#/C**

And while Jackie bestowed the joys of fingerlickin

**C#**

**B**

**B/B B/A F#**

The clock up on the wall was tickin

**F#**

You got yourself a job cleaning hospital floors

**B**

But Jackie had a baby, then she had five more

**C#**

**B**

They'd pay you just enough to drag your ass to the store

**G#m**

**C#**

To buy bread, milk and Better Homes & Gardens

**F#**

Jackie flips the pages and she dreams little dreams

**B**

A cottage in the country built with real wood beams

**C#**

**B**

There s a baby in the bedroom, he s starting to scream

**G#m**

**C#**

She holds him though he probably won t remember

**B**

**C#**

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**F#**

**F#/F#**

**Ebm**

**C#**

**B**

Sometimes dreams are all you got to keep you going when the day gets long

**G#m**

**Bb**

**Ebm**

**C#/C**

And you gave up so many just to make a livin

**C#**

**B**

**B/B B/A F#**

That clock up on the wall was tickin

**F#**

Now the kids are all grateful when they left the nest

**B**

And Jackie wasn t perfect but she did her best

**C#**

**B**

You cease the opportunity to get you some rest

**G#m**

**C#**

But you can t sleep on account of screaming grandkids

**F#**

The golden years are meant to leave a gleam in your eye

**B**

You re starting to discover it s a great big lie

**C#**

**B**

They work you like a dog til you quit or you die

**G#m**

**C#**

But you can t quit cause Jackie needs the benefits

**B**

**C#**

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**F#**

**F#/F#**

**Ebm**

**C#**

**B**

They say patience is a virtue but the doctor says she don t have long

**G#m**

**Bb**

**Ebm**

**C#/C**

You stood up and tried your damndest not to listen

**C#**

**B**

**B/B B/A F#**

But that clock up on the wall was tickin .

**F#** **B**  
When they told you to clear the room, that s when it hit you  
**F#** **C#**  
You watched as the caravan took your sweetheart away  
**F#** **B**  
The arguments and fights and money troubles seem so worthless  
**F#** **C#** **F#**  
As the kids throw yellow roses on her grave

**B** **C#**  
And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**F#** **F#/F#** **Ebm** **C#** **B**  
The house is quiet now and everything inside seems to know she s gone

**G#m** **Bb** **Ebm** **C#/C**  
There s a picture of you both sixteen years old just kissing

**C#** **B** **B/B B/A F#**  
And that clock up on the wall was tickin

**F#**  
You always thought she had a chance and it was somewhere hidden

**B**  
Now you ve come to the conclusion that she never did

**C#** **B**  
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**G#m** **C#**  
Have a chance, that is...