

## Clocks

Brandon Flowers

A D E D Bm E

A

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

D

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

E

D

But this was long before you and Jackie Geronimo met

Bm

E

In the Prelude Park at midnight

A

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

D

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

E

D

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

Bm

E

When you drink with your buddies on the weekend

D

E

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

A

A/F#

F#m

E

D

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

Bm

C#

F#m

E/C

And while Jackie bestowed the joys of fingerlickin

E

D

D/B D/A A

The clock up on the wall was tickin

A

You got yourself a job cleaning hospital floors

D

But Jackie had a baby, then she had five more

E

D

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

Bm

E

To buy bread, milk and Better Homes & Gardens

A

Jackie flips the pages and she dreams little dreams

D

A cottage in the country built with real wood beams

**E**

**D**

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

**Bm**

**E**

She holds him though he probably won t remember

**D**

**E**

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**A**

**A/F#**

**F#m**

**E**

**D**

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

**Bm**

**C#**

**F#m**

**E/C**

And you gave up so many just to make a livin

**E**

**D**

**D/B D/A A**

That clock up on the wall was tickin

**A**

Now the kids are all grateful when they left the nest

**D**

And Jackie wasn t perfect but she did her best

**E**

**D**

You cease the opportunity to get you some rest

**Bm**

**E**

But you can t sleep on account of screaming grandkids

**A**

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

**D**

You re starting to discover it s a great big lie

**E**

**D**

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

**Bm**

**E**

But you can t quit cause Jackie needs the benefits

**D**

**E**

And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**A**

**A/F#**

**F#m**

**E**

**D**

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

**Bm**

**C#**

**F#m**

**E/C**

You stood up and tried your damndest not to listen

**E**

**D**

**D/B D/A A**

But that clock up on the wall was tickin .

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

**D** **E**  
 And the weeks fly by and the years roll on

**A** **A/F#** **F#m** **E** **D**  
 The house is quiet now and everything inside seems to know she s gone

**Bm** **C#** **F#m** **E/C**  
 There s a picture of you both sixteen years old just kissing

**E** **D** **D/B D/A A**  
 And that clock up on the wall was tickin

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

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

**E** **D**  
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**Bm** **E**  
 Have a chance, that is...