

Surprise Surprise

Brett Dennen

Surprise, Surprise " Brett Dennen

Chords

This is such a great and hugely underappreciated song! I'm almost certain that Brett doesn't do it this way, and there is a ton of adlibbing in the recorded version, but it's a good hasty-made foundation. Can be transposed and Capod if desired. It sounds like it's on a higher fret in the recording. Listen to the song for the strum pattern, it's sort of syncopated.

Intro:

Am C Fbar Gbar x2

Verse 1:

Am Dark clouds gather in the afternoon **C**
Come together just to cry **F**
Seagulls struggling against the wind **G**
Falling out of the sky **Am**
Am Grandma s gathering aluminum cans **C**
In a rusty shopping cart **F**
Born-againers getting their lives together **G**
While my whole world s falling apart **Am**

Chorus:

F

Open up your eyes

It s happening all around you

If it hasn t found you

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Surprise, surprise

What do you think the world owes you

It s not the way it s supposed to go

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Verse 2:

Songbird sitting in a tree house

With a trumpet to her lips

I m laying on my back in the tall green grass

Staring up at the eclipse

Whispers lurking in the alley behind

Where the children wear no shoes

Call girls and corner kids hustling

Saying what do you got to lose

Chorus

Bridge:

And there s nowhere you can run to

Because the eyes are upon you

Verse 3:

Am

Some of the coming up hard and hungry

C

F

Stepping up to take your turn

G

Some of them throwing their money in the fire

Am

Just to watch it burn

Chorus

It s just a matter of

It s just a matter of time