

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

Chorus:

F

Open up your eyes

G

It s happening all around you

F

If it hasn t found you

G

Well you know it s just a matter of time

F

Surprise, surprise

G

What do you think the world owes you

F

It s not the way it s supposed to go

G

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Verse 2:

Am

C

Songbird sitting in a tree house

F

With a trumpet to her lips

G

I m laying on my back in the tall green grass

Am

Staring up at the eclipse

Am

C

Whispers lurking in the alley behind

F

Where the children wear no shoes

G

Call girls and corner kids hustling

Am

Saying what do you got to lose

Chorus

Bridge:

E

F

And there s nowhere you can run to

C

E

Because the eyes are upon you

Verse 3:

Am

C

Some of the coming up hard and hungry

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