

## 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:

**Gm Bb** Fbar Gbar x2

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

**Eb**

Open up your eyes

**F**

It s happening all around you

**Eb**

If it hasn t found you

**F**

Well you know it s just a matter of time

**Eb**

Surprise, surprise

**F**

What do you think the world owes you

**Eb**

It s not the way it s supposed to go

**F**

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Verse 2:

**Gm**

**Bb**

Songbird sitting in a tree house

**Eb**

With a trumpet to her lips

**F**

I m laying on my back in the tall green grass

**Gm**

Staring up at the eclipse

**Gm**

**Bb**

Whispers lurking in the alley behind

**Eb**

Where the children wear no shoes

**F**

Call girls and corner kids hustling

**Gm**

Saying what do you got to lose

Chorus

Bridge:

**D**

**Eb**

And there s nowhere you can run to

**Bb**

**D**

Because the eyes are upon you

Verse 3:

**Gm**

Some of the coming up hard and hungry

**Eb**

Stepping up to take your turn

**F**

Some of them throwing their money in the fire

**Gm**

Just to watch it burn

Chorus

It s just a matter of

It s just a matter of time

**Bb**