

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:

G#m B Fbar Gbar x2

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

E

Open up your eyes

F#

It s happening all around you

E

If it hasn t found you

F#

Well you know it s just a matter of time

E

Surprise, surprise

F#

What do you think the world owes you

E

It s not the way it s supposed to go

F#

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Verse 2:

G#m

B

Songbird sitting in a tree house

E

With a trumpet to her lips

F#

I m laying on my back in the tall green grass

G#m

Staring up at the eclipse

G#m

B

Whispers lurking in the alley behind

E

Where the children wear no shoes

F#

Call girls and corner kids hustling

G#m

Saying what do you got to lose

Chorus

Bridge:

Eb

E

And there s nowhere you can run to

B

Eb

Because the eyes are upon you

Verse 3:

G#m

Some of the coming up hard and hungry

B

E

Stepping up to take your turn

F#

Some of them throwing their money in the fire

G#m

Just to watch it burn

Chorus

It s just a matter of

It s just a matter of time