Surprise Surprise
Brett Dennen

Surprise, Surprise â€“ Brett Dennen

Chords

This is such a great and hugely underappreciated song! Iâ€™m almost certain that Brett
doesnâ€™t do it this way, and there is a ton of adlibbing in the recorded version, but
itâ€™s a
good hasty-made foundation. Can be transposed and Capoâ€™d if desired. It sounds like itâ€™s
on a higher fret in the recording. Listen to the song
for the strum pattern, itâ€™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 **B**
Some of the coming up hard and hungry
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