

**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:

**Bm D Fbar Gbar x2**

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

**G**

Open up your eyes

**A**

It s happening all around you

**G**

If it hasn t found you

**A**

Well you know it s just a matter of time

**G**

Surprise, surprise

**A**

What do you think the world owes you

**G**

It s not the way it s supposed to go

**A**

Well you know it s just a matter of time

Verse 2:

**Bm**

**D**

Songbird sitting in a tree house

**G**

With a trumpet to her lips

**A**

I m laying on my back in the tall green grass

**Bm**

Staring up at the eclipse

**Bm**

**D**

Whispers lurking in the alley behind

**G**

Where the children wear no shoes

**A**

Call girls and corner kids hustling

**Bm**

Saying what do you got to lose

Chorus

Bridge:

**F#**

**G**

And there s nowhere you can run to

**D**

**F#**

Because the eyes are upon you

Verse 3:

**Bm**

Some of the coming up hard and hungry

**D**

**G**

Stepping up to take your turn

**A**

Some of them throwing their money in the fire

**Bm**

Just to watch it burn

Chorus

It s just a matter of

It s just a matter of time