

After All
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C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
go ahead, push your luck, find out how much love the world can hold,
Dm7 **F** **G** **C** **G**
once upon a time i had control, and reigned my soul in tight.

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
well the whole truth, it s like the story of a wave unfurled,
Dm7
but i held the evil of the world,
F **G**
so i stopped the tide, froze it up from inside,

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
and it felt like a winter machine that you go through and then,
Dm7
you catch your breath and winter starts again,
F **G** **C** **G**
and everyone else is spring bound.

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
and when i chose to live, there was no joy, it s just a line i crossed
Dm7
it wasn t worth the pain my death would have cost
F **G** **C** **G**
so i was not lost or found.

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
and if i was to sleep, i knew my family had more truth to tell.
Dm7
and so i traveled down a whispering well,
F **G** **C** **G**
to know myself through them.

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
growing up, my mom had a room full of books, and hid away in there,
Dm7
her father raging down a spiral stair,
F **G**
till he found someone, most days his son,

C (add **G**) **Fmaj7**
and sometimes i think my father, too, was a refugee,
Dm7

i know they tried to keep their pain from me,
F G C G
they could not see what it was for.

C (add G)
but now i m sleeping fine,
Fmaj7
sometimes the truth is like a second chance,
Dm7
i am the daughter of a great romance,
F G C G
and they are the children of the war.

(break) **C (addG) Fmaj7 Dm7 F G C G**

C (add G) Fmaj7
well the sun rose with so many colors, it nearly broke my heart,
Dm7
it worked me over like a work of art,
F G C G
and i was a part of all that.

C (add G) Fmaj7
so go ahead push your luck, say what it is you gotta say to me,
Dm7
we will push on into that mystery,
F G C G
and it ll push right back, and there are worse things than that,

C (add G) Fmaj7
cause for every price, and every penance that i could think of,
Dm7
it s better to have fallen in love,
F G C G
than never to have fallen at all,

C (add G) Fmaj7
cause when you live in a world, well it gets into who you thought you d be,
Dm7
and now i laugh at how the world changed me,
F G C (add G) Em Am G C(add G) G C(add G)
i think life chose me after all.