After All
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Bb (add F)                                                Ebmaj7
go ahead, push your luck, find out how much love the world can hold,
                   Cm7               Eb          F       Bb   F
once upon a time i had control, and reigned my soul in tight.

         Bb (add F)                              Ebmaj7
well the whole truth, it s like the story of a wave unfurled,
                    Cm7
but i held the evil of the world,
   Eb                            F
so i stopped the tide, froze it up from inside,

          Bb (add F)                                Ebmaj7
   and it felt like a winter machine that you go through and then,
                                      Cm7
   you catch your breath and winter starts again,
        Eb        F              Bb   F
   and everyone else is spring bound.

         Bb (add F)                                        Ebmaj7
and when i chose to live, there was no joy, it s just a line i crossed
                             Cm7
it wasn t worth the pain my death would have cost
   Eb          F        Bb   F
so i was not lost or found.

       Bb (add F)                                  Ebmaj7
and if i was to sleep, i knew my family had more truth to tell.
                           Cm7
and so i traveled down a whispering well,
   Eb        F          Bb  F
to know myself through them.

        Bb (addG)                                      Ebmaj7
growing up, my mom had a room full of books, and hid away in there,
                            Cm7
her father raging down a spiral stair,
     Eb                       F
till he found someone, most days his son,

        Bb (add F)                              Ebmaj7
   and sometimes i think my father, too, was a refugee,
                                     Cm7
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i know they tried to keep their pain from me,
Eb **F** **Bb** **F**
they could not see what it was for.

Bb (add **F**)
but now i m sleeping fine,
Ebmaj7
sometimes the truth is like a second chance,
Cm7
i am the daughter of a great romance,
Eb **F** **Bb** **F**
and they are the children of the war.

(break) **Bb** (addG) **Ebmaj7** **Cm7** **Eb** **F** **Bb** **F**

Bb (add **F**) **Ebmaj7**
well the sun rose with so many colors, it nearly broke my heart,
Cm7
it worked me over like a work of art,
Eb **F** **Bb** **F**
and i was a part of all that.

Bb (add **F**) **Ebmaj7**
so go ahead push your luck, say what it is you gotta say to me,
Cm7
we will push on into that mystery,
Eb **F** **Bb** **F**
and it ll push right back, and there are worse things than that,

Bb (add **F**) **Ebmaj7**
cause for every price, and every penance that i could think of,
Cm7
it s better to have fallen in love,
Eb **F** **Bb** **F**
than never to have fallen at all,

Bb (add **F**) **Ebmaj7**
cause when you live in a world, well it gets into who you thought you d be,
Cm7
and now i laugh at how the world changed me,
Eb **F** **Bb** (add **F**) **Dm** **Gm** **F** **Bb**(add **F**) **F Bb** (add **F**)
i think life chose me after all.