

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** (add **G**) **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**

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.