

After All  
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B (add F#) Emaj7  
go ahead, push your luck, find out how much love the world can hold,  
C#m7 E F# B F#  
once upon a time i had control, and reigned my soul in tight.

B (add F#) Emaj7  
well the whole truth, it s like the story of a wave unfurled,  
C#m7  
but i held the evil of the world,  
E F#  
so i stopped the tide, froze it up from inside,

B (add F#) Emaj7  
and it felt like a winter machine that you go through and then,  
C#m7  
you catch your breath and winter starts again,  
E F# B F#  
and everyone else is spring bound.

B (add F#) Emaj7  
and when i chose to live, there was no joy, it s just a line i crossed  
C#m7  
it wasn t worth the pain my death would have cost  
E F# B F#  
so i was not lost or found.

B (add F#) Emaj7  
and if i was to sleep, i knew my family had more truth to tell.  
C#m7  
and so i traveled down a whispering well,  
E F# B F#  
to know myself through them.

B (addG) Emaj7  
growing up, my mom had a room full of books, and hid away in there,  
C#m7  
her father raging down a spiral stair,  
E F#  
till he found someone, most days his son,

B (add F#) Emaj7  
and sometimes i think my father, too, was a refugee,  
C#m7

they could not see what it was for.

but now i m sleeping fine,

Ema j7

sometimes the truth is like a second chance,

**C#m7**

i am the daughter of a great romance,

E                      F#                      B      F#

and they are the children of the war.

(break) **B** (addG) **Emaj7** **C#m7** **E** **F#** **B** **F#**

**B** (add **F#**)

Ema j7

well the sun rose with so many colors, it nearly broke my heart,

C#m7

it worked me over like a work of art,

**E                      F#                      B                      F#**

and i was a part of all that.

**B** (add **F#**)

Ema j7

so go ahead push your luck, say what it is you gotta say to me,

## C#m7

we will push on into that mystery,

**E** **F#** **B** **F#**

and it'll push right back, and there are worse things than that,

**B** (add **F#**)

Ema j7

cause for every price, and every penance that i could think of,

C#m7

it s better to have fallen in love,

**E**                      **F#**                      **B**    **F#**

than never to have fallen at all,

**B** (add **F#**)

Ema j7

cause when you live in a world, well it gets into who you thought you d be,

C#m7

and now i laugh at how the world changed me,

E                      F#                      B (add F#)                      Ebm                      G#m                      F#                      B( add F#) F# B

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i think life chose me after all.