

After All
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D (add A) Gmaj7
go ahead, push your luck, find out how much love the world can hold,
Em7 G A D A
once upon a time i had control, and reigned my soul in tight.

D (add A) Gmaj7
well the whole truth, it s like the story of a wave unfurled,
Em7
but i held the evil of the world,
G A
so i stopped the tide, froze it up from inside,

D (add A) Gmaj7
and it felt like a winter machine that you go through and then,
Em7
you catch your breath and winter starts again,
G A D A
and everyone else is spring bound.

D (add A) Gmaj7
and when i chose to live, there was no joy, it s just a line i crossed
Em7
it wasn t worth the pain my death would have cost
G A D A
so i was not lost or found.

D (add A) Gmaj7
and if i was to sleep, i knew my family had more truth to tell.
Em7
and so i traveled down a whispering well,
G A D A
to know myself through them.

D (addG) Gmaj7
growing up, my mom had a room full of books, and hid away in there,
Em7
her father raging down a spiral stair,
G A
till he found someone, most days his son,

D (add A) Gmaj7
and sometimes i think my father, too, was a refugee,
Em7

i know they tried to keep their pain from me,

G A D A

they could not see what it was for.

D (add A)

but now i m sleeping fine,

Gmaj7

sometimes the truth is like a second chance,

Em7

i am the daughter of a great romance,

G A D A

and they are the children of the war.

(break) **D (addG) Gmaj7 Em7 G A D A**

D (add A)

Gmaj7

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

Em7

it worked me over like a work of art,

G A D A

and i was a part of all that.

D (add A)

Gmaj7

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

Em7

we will push on into that mystery,

G

A

D A

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

D (add A)

Gmaj7

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

Em7

it s better to have fallen in love,

G A D A

than never to have fallen at all,

D (add A)

Gmaj7

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

Em7

and now i laugh at how the world changed me,

G A D (add A) F#m Bm A D(add A) A D(add A)

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i think life chose me after all.