

**Yesterday When I Was Young**  
**Eddy Arnold**

[Chorus]

**Dm** **G**  
Yesterday when I was young  
**C** **F**  
the taste of life was sweet as rain upon my tongue  
**Dm** **E**  
I teased at life as if it were a foolish game  
**E7** **Am**  
the way the evening breeze may tease a candle flame

[Verse]

**Dm** **G**  
The thousand dreams I dreamed, the splendid things I planned  
**C** **F**  
I always built alas on weak and shifting sand  
**Dm** **E**  
I lived by night and shunned the naked light of the day  
**E7** **Am**  
and only now I see how the years ran away

[Chorus]

**Dm** **G**  
Yesterday when I was young  
**C** **F**  
so many drinking songs were waiting to be sung,  
**Dm** **E**  
so many wayward pleasures lay in store for me  
**E7** **Am**  
and so much pain my dazzled eyes refused to see

[Verse]

**Dm** **G**  
I ran so fast that time and youth at last ran out  
**C** **F**  
I never stopped to think what life was all about  
**Dm** **E**  
and every conversation I can now recall  
**E7** **Am**  
concerned itself with me and nothing else at all

[Chorus]

**Dm** **G**  
Yesterday the moon was blue  
**C** **F**  
and every crazy day brought something new to do  
**Dm** **E**  
I used my magic age as if it were a wand

**E7**                      **Am**  
and never saw the waste and emptiness beyond

**Dm**                                              **G**  
The game of love I played with arrogance and pride  
                    **C**                                              **F**  
and every flame I lit too quickly quickly died

**Dm**                                              **E**  
The friends I made all seemed somehow to drift away  
**E7**                      **Am**  
and only I am left on stage to end the play

**Dm**                                              **G**  
There are so many songs in me that won't be sung  
                    **C**                                              **F**  
I feel the bitter taste of tears upon my tongue

**Dm**                                              **E**                      **E7**                      **Am**  
The time has come for me to pay for yesterday when I was young