

Flowers Are Red
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(Riff)

[Em] The little boy went first day of school
He got some [C] crayons and started to draw
He put [Em] colors all over the paper
For [C] colors was what he saw
And the [Am7] teacher said.. What you doin young man
[D] I m paintin flowers he said

She said... It s [Am7] not the time for art young man
And [D] anyway flowers are green and red
There s a [Em] time for everything young man
And a [C] way it should be done
You ve got to [Em] show concern for everyone else
For you re [C] not the only [D] one

And she said...

[G] Flo [D] wers are [G] red young [D] man
[G] Green [D] leaves are [G] green [D]
There s [G] no need to [D] see flowers [G] any other [C] way
Than they [G] way they al [D] ways [G] have been [C] seen

But the little boy said...

There are [G] so many [D] colors in the [G] rain [D] bow
[G] So many [D] colors in the [C] morning [D] sun
[G] So many [C] colors in the [G] flo [C] wer
And [G] I see [D] every [G] one **riff**

[Em] Well the teacher said.. You re sassy
There s [C] ways that things should be
And [Em] you ll paint flowers the way they are
So [C] repeat after [D] me..

And she said...

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[G] Green [D] leaves are [G] green [D]
There s [G] no need to [D] see flowers [G] any other [C] way
Than they [G] way they al [D] ways [G] have been [C] seen

But the little boy said...

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[G] So many [C] colors in the [G] flo [C] wer
And [G] I see [D] every [G] one **riff**

Well the [Em] teacher put him in a corner
She said.. [C] It s for your own good..
And you [Em] won t come out til you get it right
And are [C] responding like you should
Well [Am7] finally he got lonely
Frightened [D] thoughts filled his head
And he [Am7] went up to that teacher
And [D] this is what he said..

and he said...
[G] Flo [D] wers are [G] red, [D]
[G] Green [D] leaves are [G] green [D]
There s [G] no need to [D] see flowers [G] any other [C] way
Than the [G] way they [D] always [G] have been [C] seen **riff**

[Em] Time went by like it always does
And they [C] moved to another town
And the [Em] little boy went to another school
And [C] this is what he found
The [Am7] teacher there was smilin?
She said... [D] Painting should be fun
And there are [Am7] so many colors in a flower
So [D] let s use every one

But that [Em] little boy painted flowers
In neat [C] rows of green and red
And [Em] when the teacher asked him why
[C] This is what he [D] said...

and he said...
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[G] Green [D] leaves are [G] green [D]
There s [G] no need to [D] see flowers [G] any other [C] way
Than the [G] way they [D] always [G] have been [C] seen

but there still must be a way to have our children sing...
There are [G] so many [D] colors in the [G] rain [D] bow
[G] So many [D] colors in the [C] morning [D] sun
[G] So many [C] colors in the [G] flo [C] wer
And [G] I see [D] every [G] one

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