

**Before My Time**  
**Johnny Cash**

INTRO: GUITAR 1 PLAYS THESE CHORDS FOR THE INTRO  
C G C G D G

VERSE:

G  
I KNOW THAT HEARTS WERE LOVING  
D  
LONG BEFORE I WAS HERE  
AND I M NOT THE FIRST TO EVER CRY  
G  
IN MY BED OR IN MY BEER  
C  
THERE WERE SONGS BEFORE THERE WAS RADIO  
G Em  
OF LOVE THAT STAYS AND LOVE THAT GOES  
Am  
THEY WERE WRITING MELONCHOLY TUNES  
C D  
AND TEARFUL WORDS THAT RHYME  
G  
BEFORE MY TIME  
D G  
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VERSE:

THERE WERE SONGS IN OLD DUSTY BOOKS  
OF LOVE THATS ALWAYS BEEN  
SWEET LOVERS IN THEIR GLORY  
WHO ARE NOW GONE WITH THE WIND  
OLD FASHION LOVE WORDS SPOKEN THEN  
KEEP COMING BACK AROUND AGAIN  
NOTHINGS CHANGED EXCEPT THE NAMES  
THEIR LOVE BURNS JUST LIKE MINE  
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BREAK:

C  
AND IN THE DIM OF YESTERDAY  
G  
I CAN CLEARLY SEE  
C  
THAT FLESH AND BLOOD CRIED OUT TO SOMEONE  
G D  
AS IT DOES IN ME  
G  
AND THERE WAS SOME OLD SONG THAT SAID  
C

I LOVE YOU TIL I DIE

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INSTRUMENTAL:

GUITAR 1 PLAYS THESE CHORDS:

**C**

**G**

**C**

**G D**

**G**

VERSE:

BUT WHAT THE OLD TIME MASTERS HAD

IS WHAT I FEEL FOR YOU

LOVE IS LOVE AND DOESN T CHANGE

IN A CENTURY OR TWO

IF SOMEWAY THEY HAD SEEN AND KNEW

HOW IT WOULD BE FOR ME AND YOU

THEY D WISH FOR LOVE LIKE YOURS

AND THEY WOULD WISH FOR LOVE LIKE MINE

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