

**The Things Weve**  
**Marc Cohn**

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The Things We ve Handed Down  
by Marc Cohn  
"The Rainy Season"

[tab]     **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
I don t know much about you, I don t know who you are[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
And we d been doing fine without you but we could only go so far[/tab]  
[tab]     **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
I don t know why you chose us, were you watching from above[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G D A G A**  
Is there someone there that knows us said we d give you all our love[/tab]

[tab]     **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
I wonder who you ll look like will your hair fall down and curl[/tab]  
[tab] **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
Will you be a momma s boy or daddy s little girl[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
Will you be a sad reminder of what s been lost along the way[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G D A G A**  
Maybe you can help me find her in the things you do and say[/tab]

[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
Will you laugh just like your mother will you sigh like your old man[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
Will some things skip a generation like I ve heard they often can[/tab]  
[tab]                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **D A G**  
Are you a poet or a dancer, a devil or a clown[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A Bm G A D A G**  
Or a strange new combination of the things we ve handed down[/tab]

[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
You may not always be so grateful for the way that you were made[/tab]  
[tab]                   **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
Maybe some feature of your father s that you d gladly sell or trade[/tab]

[tab]       **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
And one day you may look at us and say that you were cursed[/tab]  
[tab]       **D**                   **A**                   **Bm**                   **G**  
But over time that line has been extremely well rehearsed[/tab]  
[tab]       **A**                   **Bm**                   **D**       **A**       **G**  
By our fathers and their fathers in some old and distant town[/tab]  
[tab]       **D**       **A**       **Bm**       **G**                   **A**       **D**  
>From places no one here remembers come the things we ve handed down[/tab]

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