

**Carlisle Wheeling**  
**The Monkees**

C D  
In a long and involved conversation with myself  
F C  
I saw precious things come into view  
C D  
When I poured through the files taken off my mental shelf  
F C  
I dusted off some memories of you  
Em Am  
Then I thought about the time when our affair was green  
Em Am  
How the phoenix of our love first flapped its silken wings  
F G Em A  
All the urgency and passion of each new day as it happened  
F G C  
And how it all mellowed as it grew  
C D  
I remembered the times that our laughter would explode  
F C  
And how you would turn to hide your smile  
C D  
Then the hours of silence while a perfumed candle glowed  
F C  
And both our thoughts meandered on for miles  
Em Am  
I remember the time I said I really had to go  
Em Am  
I remember the tears that filled your eyes  
F G C  
Then I touched your hand and told you  
Em A  
That it really was a lie  
F G C  
And though you never knew it, dear, I cried  
C D  
It s amazing how time can so softly change your ways  
F C  
And make you look at things that can t be seen  
C D  
And how the years that roll by can start you listening  
F C  
Not just to what they say, but what they mean  
Em Am  
So forgive me, my dear, if I seem preoccupied  
Em Am  
And if the razor edge of youth-filled love is gone  
F G C F

But we re both a little older, our relationship has grown

**F**

**C**

Not just in how it s shaped, but how it s shown

Fade out with

**F**

**G**

**C**