

Martha
Tom Waits

[Intro]

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
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[Verse 1]

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
Operator, number please, it s been so many years
Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
Will she remember my old voice while I fight the tears?
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Eb C7 Fm Bb7
Hello, hello there, is this Martha? This is old Tom Frost
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
And I am calling long distance, don t worry about the cost
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Eb C7 Fm Bb7
Cause it s been fourty years or more now, Martha, please recall
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
And meet me out for coffee where we ll talk about it all, and

[Chorus]

Eb Eb G# G# Eb Eb G#
Those were days of roses, of poetry and prose
G# Cm Cm G# G# Fm Bb Eb G#
And Martha, all I had was you, and all you had was me
Eb Eb G# G# Eb Eb G#
There was no tomorrows, we packed away our sorrows
G# Cm Cm G# Bb Eb G# Eb
And we saved them for a rainy day

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#

[Verse 2]

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
And I feel so much older now, you re much older too
Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G#
G#
How s your husband, and how s your kids? You know that I got married too
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Eb C7 Fm Bb7
Lucky that you found someone to make you feel secure
Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#
Cause we were all so young and foolish, now we are mature, and

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And we saved them for a rainy day

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[Verse 3]

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#

And I was always so impulsive, I guess that I still am

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#

And all that really mattered then was that I-- was a man

Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Eb C7 Fm Bb7

I guess that our being together was never meant to be

Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Cm Bb G# G#

Martha, Martha, I love you, can t you see? And

[Chorus]

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[Outro]

Eb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Cm Bb G#

And I remember quiet evenings, trembling close to you