

Before The Deluge

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Intro: **G C/G G C/G G C/G G D** Strum **DDUUDU** Count **D+D U 3 U D U = (1+2+3+4+)**

Verse 1

G Some of them were dream - ers **G C/G** Some of them were fools **G**

4 + Em C G 2 3 C/G G
who were making plans and thinking of the future

4 + G G 2 3 4 + C/G G
With the energy of the in-no-cent They were gathering the tools

4 + Em C G + 2 3 C/G G
They would need to make their journey back to na - ture

4 + Em G
While the sand slipped through the o - pen - ing And their

C/G G
hands reached for the gold - en ring with their

Em C D
hearts they turned to each other's hearts for refuge

(C+ 2 G 3 D 4 Em) C G 2 3 C/G G
In the troubled years that came be - fore the deluge

Verse 2

G G C/G G 2 3
Some of them knew pleas - ure And some of them knew pain

4 + Em C G 2 3 C/G G 2 3 4 +
and for some of them it was only the moment that mat - tered on the

G G 2 3 4 + C/G G 2 3 4 +
brave and crazy wings of youth they went flying around in the rain and their

Em C G 2 3 C/G G
feathers, once so fine grew torn and tattered and in the

Em G 4 + C/G G
end they traded their tired wings for the resignation that living brings and ex -

Em C D
changed love's bright and fragile glow for the glitter and the rouge

(C+ 2 G 3 D 4 Em) C G 2 3 C/G
and in a moment they were swept before the deluge

Chorus

G Now let the music keep our **G** spirits high **C/G G**
C/G and let the buildings keep our **G** children dry **C/B**
G Let creation reveal its secrets by and by **G C/B G** by and by **G**
C/G When the light **G** that's lost with - **C/G** in us reaches the sky **G D**

Verse 3

G Some of them were an - gry **G** At the **C/G** way the earth was abused **G 2 3**
4 + Em By the men who learned how to **C** forge her beauty into pow - er **G 2 3 C/G G 2 3**
4 + G And they struggled to protect her from them **G C/G** only to be confused
G 2 3 4 + Em By the magnitude of her fury in the final **C** hour **G + 2 3 C/G G 2 3**
3 4 + Em And when the sand was gone and the **G** time arrived in the
C/G naked dawn only a few survived and in att -
Em - tempts to under - stand a thing so **C** simple and so huge **D**
(C+2 G 3+4 Em) Believed that they were meant to **C** live after the deluge **G 2 3 C/G**

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G C/B G C/B G C/B G D (G1)