

Yesterday When I Was Young

[Em]

Yester[Am]day when I was [D7] young
The taste of life was [G] sweet as rain upon my [C] tongue
I teased at life as [Am] if it were a foolish [B7] game
The way the evening [Em] breeze may tease a candle flame

The thousand dreams I [Am] dreamed the
splendid things I [D7] planned
I'd always built to [G] last on weak and shifting [C] sand
I lived by night and [Am] shunned the naked light of [B7] day
And only now I [Em] see how the years ran away

Yester[Am]day when I was [D7] young
So many happy [G] songs were waiting to be [C] sung
So many wild [Am] pleasures lay in store for [B7] me
And so much pain my [Em] dazzled eyes refused to see

I ran so fast that [Am] time and youth at last ran [D7] out
I never stopped to [G] think what life was all [C] about
And every conver[Am]sation I can now re[B7]call
Concerned itself with [Em] me and nothing else at all

Yester[Am]day the moon was [D7] blue
And every crazy [G] day brought something new to [C] do
I used my magic [Am] age as if it were a [B7] wand
And never saw the [Em] waste and emptiness beyond

The game of love I [Am] played with arrogance and [D7] pride
And every flame I [G] lit too quickly quickly [C] died
The friends I made all [Am] seemed somehow to drift [B7] away
And only I am [Em] left on stage to end the play

There are so many [Am] songs in me that won't be [D7] sung
I feel the bitter [G] taste of tears upon my [C] tongue
The time has come for [Am] me to pay for yester[B7]day
when I was [Em] young