

Yesterday When I Was Young by Glen Campbell

Verse 1

Gm C
Yesterday, when I was young
F
The taste of life was sweet
Bb
Like rain upon my tongue
Gm
I teased at life as if
A
It were a foolish game
Dm
The way an evening breeze

would tease a candle flame
Gm
The thousand dreams I dreamed
C
The splendid things I planned
F
I always built to last
Bb
On weak and shifting sand
Gm
I lived by night and shunned
A
The naked light of day
Dm
And only now I see

How the years have run away

Chorus 1

Bb C
Yesterday, when I was young
F
There were so many songs
Bb
That waited to be sung
Gm
so many wild pleasures
A

that Lay in store for me

And so much pain

Dm

My dazzled eyes refused to see

Bb

I ran so fast that time

C

And youth at last ran out

F

And I never stopped to think

Bb

What life was all about

Gm

And every conversation

A

That I can recall

Dm

Concerned itself with me

And nothing else at all

Riff Gm C F Bb Gm A Dm

Verse 2

Gm

C

Yesterday, the moon was blue

F

And every crazy day

Bb

Brought something new to do

Gm

And I used my magic age

A

As if it were a wand

Dm

And never saw the waste

Dm

And emptiness beyond

Dm

Gm

The game of love I played

C

With arrogance and pride

F

And every flame I lit
so quickly, quickly died
The friends I made all seemed
Somehow to drift away
And only I am left
On stage to end the play

Chorus 2

Yesterday when I was young
There were so many songs
That waited to be sung
so many wild pleasures
Lay in store for me
And so much pain
My dazzled eyes refused to see
There are so many songs in me
That won't be sung
cause I feel the bitter taste
Of tears upon my tongue
and The time has come for me
To pay for yesterday
When I was young