

# Shirley Bassey - Yesterday When I Was Young

Tom: G

<sup>Am</sup>  
Yesterday when I was young

<sup>G</sup>  
The taste of love was sweet as rain upon my tongue;

<sup>Gbm</sup>  
I teased at life as if it were a foolish game

<sup>Em</sup>  
The way the evening breeze may tease a candle flame.

<sup>Am</sup>  
The thousand dreams I dreamed, the splendid things I planned--

<sup>G</sup>  
I always built to last on weak and shifting sand;

<sup>Gbm</sup>  
I lived by night and shunned the naked light of day,

<sup>Em</sup>  
And only now I see how the years ran away.

<sup>Am</sup>  
Yesterday when I was young,

<sup>G</sup>  
So many happy songs were waiting to be sung,

<sup>Am</sup>  
So many wayward pleasures lay in store for me,

<sup>Em</sup>  
And so much pain my dazzled eyes refused to see.

<sup>Am</sup>  
I ran so fast that time and youth, at last, ran out,

<sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup>

I never stopped to think what life was all about;

<sup>Am</sup>  
And ev'ry conversation I can now recall

<sup>Em</sup>  
Concerned itself with me, and nothing else at all.

<sup>Am</sup>  
Yesterday the moon was blue,

<sup>G</sup>  
And ev'ry crazy day brought something new to do,

<sup>Gbm</sup>  
I used my magic age as if it were a wand,

<sup>Em</sup>  
And never saw the waste and emptiness beyond.

<sup>Am</sup>  
The game of love I played with arrogance and pride,

<sup>G</sup>  
And ev'ry flame I lit too quickly, quickly died;

<sup>Gbm</sup>  
The friends I made all seemed somehow to drift away

<sup>Em</sup>  
And only I am left on stage to end the play.

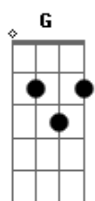
<sup>Am</sup>  
There are so many songs in me that won't be sung,

<sup>G</sup>  
I feel the bitter taste of tears upon my tongue;

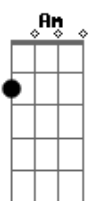
<sup>Am</sup>  
The time has come for me to pay for yesterday

(N.C.)  
When I was young.

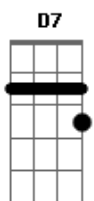
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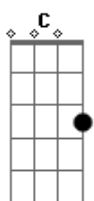
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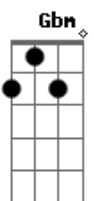
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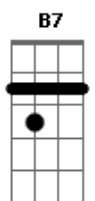
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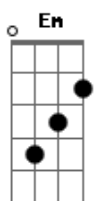
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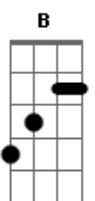
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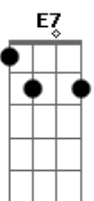
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