

# I Thought I Was a Child

Key; E (C, capo #4)

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(C) (C<sub>sus4</sub>) (C) (Am) (F)

(C) (Em7) (F) (G)

(C) It's such a clever innocence with (Am) which you do your (F) sorcery,  
As (C) if somehow the (Em7) years just bow,  
and (F) let that young girl go (G) free.

I (F) thought I (G) was a (C) child (F) until you turned and (C) smiled,  
I (F) thought I knew where (Em7) I was going  
(Dm7) Until I heard your (G) laughter flowing, (G#7/C)  
And (Am) came upon the (F) wisdom (G) in your (C) eyes. (F) (C)  
Surprise (G) (G7) (G6) (G)

(C) I've spent my whole life (F) running round,  
(C) Chasing songs from (F) town to town,  
(C) Thinking I'd be (Em7) free  
So long as I (F) never let love slow me (G) down,  
So (F) lonely (G) and so (C) wild (F) until you turned & (C) smiled,  
By (F) now I should have (Em7) long been gone,  
But (Dm) here I am still (G) looking on, (G#7/C)  
As (Am) if I didn't (F) know which (G) way to (C) run.

(C) It's such a clever innocence  
With (Am) which you show (F) myself to me  
(C) As if you know how it (Em7) feels  
To never (F) be who you want to (G) be.  
I (F) thought I (G) was a (C) child (F) until you turned and (C) smiled,  
I (F) thought that I was (Em7) free  
But I'm just (Dm7) one more prisoner of (G) time, (G#7/C)  
(Am) Alone within the (F) boundaries (G) of my (C) mind.

LOOSELY: (F) I thought I (G) was a (Dm7) child.