

Before the Deluge – Jackson Browne

Intro:(4 beat count in)

|G |C |G |C | |G |C |G |D | X2

G

Some of them were dreamers

C

G

And some of them were fools

Em

C

G

C G

Who were making plans and thinking of the future

G

With the energy of the innocent

C

G

They were gathering the tools

Em

C

G

They would need to make their journey back to nature

C

G

While the sand slipped through the opening

C

G

And their hands reached for the golden ring

Em

C

D

With their hearts they turned to each other's heart for refuge

Em

C

G

C G

In the troubled years that came before the deluge

G

Some of them knew pleasure

C

G

And some of them knew pain

Em

C

G

And for some of them it was only the moment that mattered

G

And on the brave and crazy wings of youth

C

G

They went flying around in the rain

Em

C

G

And their feathers, once so fine, grew torn and tattered

C

G

And in the end they traded their tired wings

C

G

For the resignation that living brings

Em

C

And exchanged love's bright and fragile glow

D

Em D

For the glitter and the rouge

Em

C

G

C G

And in the moment they were swept before the deluge

G
Some of them were angry
C
G
At the way the earth was abused
Em
C
G
By the men who learned how to forge her beauty into power
G
And they struggled to protect her from them
C
G
Only to be confused
Em
C
G
By the magnitude of her fury in the final hour
Em
G
And when the sand was gone and the time arrived
C
G
In the naked dawn only a few survived
Em
C
D
And in attempts to understand a thing so simple and so huge
Em
C
G
Believed that they were meant to live after the deluge

Coda:

G	C	G	C	
G	C	G	D	

Repeat coda and fade