Em G C D Em G C

Em G C
D
Once I was seven years old, my mama told me, "Go make yourself some friends or you'll be lonely." Em G C
Once I was seven years old.

Em D G C
It was a big, big world, but we thought we were bigger,
D Em
Pushing each other to the limits, we were learning quicker.
D G
C

By 11, smoking herb and drinking burning liquor,
D
Never rich so we were out to make that steady figure.
Em
D G
C
D

Once I was 11 years old, my daddy told me, "Go get yourself a wife or you'll be lonely."
Em D G C

Once I was 11 years old.
Em D G C
I always had that dream like my daddy before me.
D Em
So I started writing songs, I started writing stories.
D G
C
Something about the glory, just always seemed to bore me,

'Cause only those I really love will ever really know me.
Em D G C D

Once I was 20 years old, my story got told, before the morning sun, when life was lonely.
Em D G C
Once I was 20 years old.

Em
I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure.
D Em
'Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major.
D G
C
I got my boys with me at least those in favor.
D
And if we don't meet before I leave, I hope I'll see you later.

Once I was 20 years old, my story got told. I was writing 'bout everything, I saw before me.
Em D G C
Once I was 20 years old.
Em D G C D

Soon we'll be 30 years old, our songs have been sold. We've traveled around the world and we're still roaming. Em D G C
Soon we'll be 30 years old.

Em
G
C
I'm still learning about life. My woman brought children for me.
D
So I can sing them all my songs and I can tell them stories.
Em G C
Most of my boys are with me, some are still out seeking glory.
G/B
And some I had to leave behind, my brother I'm still sorry.

## C

D Em
D
Soon l'll be 60 years old, my daddy got sixty-one, G/B
Remember life and then your life becomes a better one.
C D Em
I made the man so happy when I wrote a letter once, Bsus4 B
I hope my children come and visit, once or twice a month.
C
D G
C
D

Soon I'll be 60 years old, will I think the world is cold, or will I have a lot of children who can warm me?
Em D G C
Soon I'll be 60 years old.
C
D G
C
D

Soon I'll be 60 years old, will I think the world is cold, or will I have a lot of children who can warm me?
Em D G C
Soon l'll be 60 years old.

| Em | G |  | C |
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