

7 Years

(Lukas Graham)

The musical score is presented in a standard format with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a set of guitar chords indicated above the vocal line. The first system (measures 1-4) includes chords Gm, Bb, Ebmaj7, and F. The second system (measures 5-8) includes Gm, Bb, and Ebmaj7. The third system (measures 9-12) includes F, Gm, Bb/F, and Ebmaj7. The fourth system (measures 13-16) includes Gm, F, and Bb. The piano accompaniment features a consistent eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand, often using chords and arpeggios. The vocal line is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "Once I was se-ven years old, my mom-ma told me, 'Go make your-self some friends or you'll be lone - ly!' Once I was se-ven years old... It was a big big world, but we thought we were big-ger,"

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16

E \flat maj7 **F** **Gm** **F**

Pu-shing each o-ther to the li-mits, we were lear-ning quick-er, By e-le-ven smo-king

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B \flat **E \flat maj7** **F**

herb and drin-king bur-ning li- quor, Ne-ver rich, so we were out to make that stea-dy fi-gure.

22

Gm **B \flat /F** **E \flat maj7** **F**



Once I was e-le-ven years old, my dad-dy told me, "Go get your-self a wife or you'll be lone- ly!"

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Gm **B \flat /F** **E \flat maj7** **Gm** **F**





Once I was e-le-ven years old...

1.I al ways had that
2.I on - ly see my

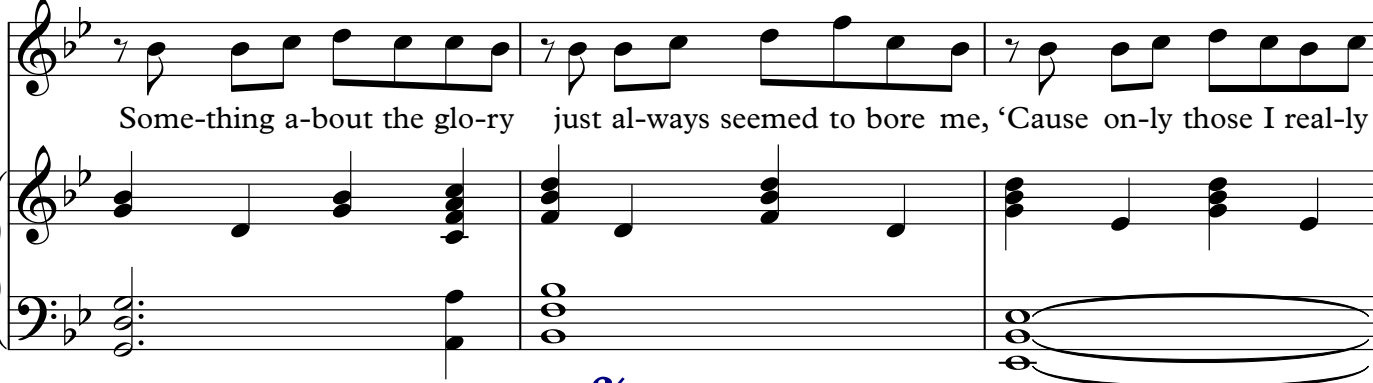
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dream like my dad-dy be- fore me, So I star-ted writ-ing songs, I star-ted writ-ing sto-ries,



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Some-thing a-bout the glo-ry just al-ways seemed to bore me, 'Cause on-ly those I real-ly



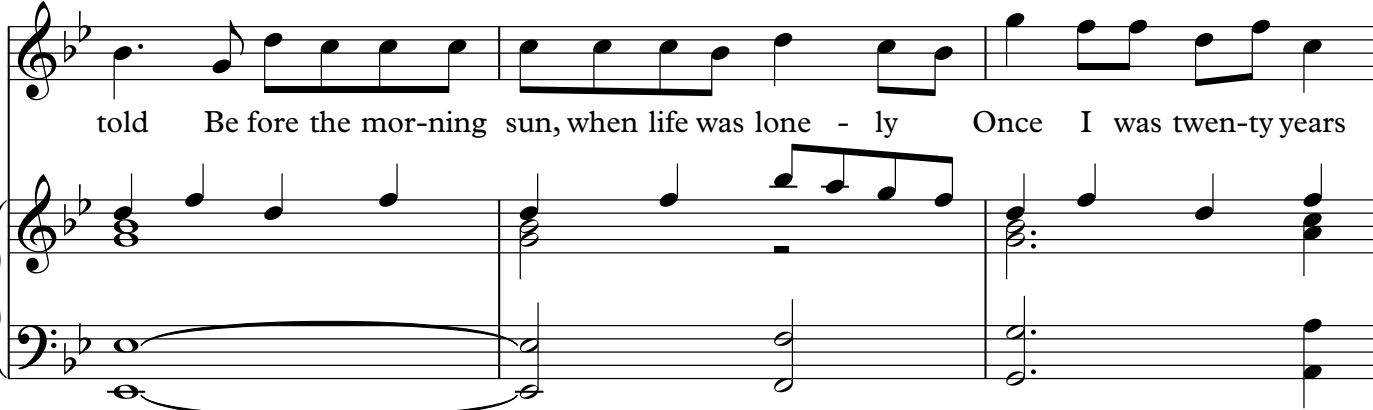
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love will e - ver real-ly know me. Once I was twen-ty years old, my sto-ry got



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told Be fore the mor-ning sun, when life was lone - ly Once I was twen-ty years





2.



43

old.

Once I was twen-ty years old

Musical notation for measures 43-46, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.



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Soon we'll be thir-ty years

Musical notation for measures 47-50, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.



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old, our songs have been sold, We've tra-veled a-round the world and we're still rol-ling.

Musical notation for measures 51-53, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.



54

Soon we'll be thir - ty years old...

Musical notation for measures 54-56, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

57



I'm still lear-ning a bout life, My wo-man brought chil-dren for me

60



So I can sing them all mysongs And I can tell them sto-ries. Most of my boys are with me,

63



Some are still out seek - ing glo - ry, And some I had to leave be -

65



hind, My bro-ther, I'm still sor-ry. Soon I'll be six - ty years old, my dad-dy got six - ty

6

68

F Dm⁷ E^b

one, Re-mem-ber life, and then your life be-comes a bet-ter one. I made the man so hap-py

71

F Gm D(sus4) D

when I wrote a let ter once, I hope my chil-dren come and vi-sit, once or twice a month.

Once I was seven years old, my momma told me,
 "Go make yourself some friends or you'll be lonely!"
 Once I was seven years old...

It was a big big world, but we thought we were bigger,
 Pushing each other to the limits, we were learning quicker,
 By eleven smoking herb and drinking burning liquor,
 Never rich, so we were out to make that steady figure.

Once I was eleven years old, my daddy told me,
 "Go get yourself a wife or you'll be lonely!"
 Once I was eleven years old...

I always had that dream like my daddy before me,
 So I started writing songs, I started writing stories,
 Something about the glory just always seemed to bore me,
 'Cause only those I really love will ever really know me.

Once I was 20 years old, my story got told
 Before the morning sun, when life was lonely
 Once I was 20 years old.

I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure,
 'Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major,
 I got my boys with me, at least those in favor,
 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 about everything I saw before me.
 Once I was 20 years old...

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

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

Soon I'll be 60 years old, my daddy got 61,
 Remember life, and then your life becomes a better one.
 I made the man so happy when I wrote a letter once,
 I hope my children come and visit, once or twice a month.

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?
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