

Child I Didn't Know

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Key/Chords

Key: **C / Am** Chords: I **C** II **Dm** III **Em** IV **F** V **G** VI **Am** VII **Bm7(b5)** No. # or b **0**

Intro

| **Dm** **Am** | **G** **F - Am** | **Dm** **Am** | **G** **F - Am...** [pause]
| **Cm** **Cm** | **Cm** **Cm** |

Verse #1

[*Knowing right from wrong*]

Cm **Gm** **F** **Cm**
My momma told me, what's wrong and what's right
Cm **Gm** **F** **Cmaj**
You gotta be ready, before love in the night

riff: | **F / G / | A / / / | F / G / | A / / / |**

Bridge #1

[*Anger*]

C **G** **F / G /** **C** **G** **F / G /**
I didn't listen, I thought I knew best
C **G** **F / G /** **G** **A**
I shoulda listened, I failed the test...

Chorus #1

[*Longing*]

Dm **Am** **G** **F - Am** **Dm** **Am** **G** **F - Am**
Child, I didn't know, I didn't want to, but I let you go
Dm **Am** **G** **F** **F (C form)** **E (C form)** **G (C form)** **G (C form) - F#m - Bm - Am**
Oh child, I didn't know, I didn't want to, and I let you go...

Verse #2

[*Wonder*]

... **C** **G** **Gm** **Cm** **D**
Wouldya been like me, my blue eyes and my smile
... **C** **G** **Gm** **Cm** **D**
Or wouldya been different, have your own special style

[*Pain*]

Cm **Gm** **F** **Cm**
Unknown to their mothers, in every child's eyes
Cm **Gm** **F** **Cmaj**
I see you stare back, asking "Why Mommy, Why?"

riff: | **F / G / | A / / / | F / G / | A / / / |**

Bridge #2

[*Anger and commentary*]

C **G** **F / G /** **C** **G** **F / G /**
It's just not fair, the choices I faced
C **G** **F / G /** **F** **Cm**
A welfare mother, or a life displaced

C **G** **F / G /** **C** **G** **F / G /**
What do ya do, when life's not fair
C **G** **F / G /** **F** **C** **Am**
Ya just don't know, 'til you've been there

