

**Yesterday When I Was Young**  
**Charles Aznavour - Roy Clark**

Descending 5ths D G C F cycle

Key of C

Dm7                      G7  
Yesterday when I was young,  
The taste of life was Cmaj7 sweet as rain upon my tongue F  
I teased at life as if it were a foolish game Bm7b5 E7  
The way the evening breeze may tease the candle flame Am

The thousand dreams I dreamed, the splendid things I planned  
I always built to last on weak and shifting sand  
I lived by night and shunned the naked light of day  
And only now I see how the time ran away

Chorus:

Dm                      G  
Yesterday when I was young  
So many lovely C songs were waiting to be sung F  
So many wild Dm pleasures lay in store for me E  
And so much Am pain my eyes refused to see

I ran so fast that time and youth at last ran out  
I never stopped to think what life was all about  
And every conversation that I can now recall  
Concerned itself with me and nothing else at all

The game of love I played with arrogance and pride  
And every flame I lit too quickly, quickly died  
The friends I made all somehow seemed to slip away  
And only now I'm left alone to end the play, yeah

Chorus

There are so many songs in me that won't be sung  
I feel the bitter taste of tears upon my tongue  
The time has come for me to pay for yesterday  
When I was young