

Only Sixteen

(Written and recorded by Sam Cooke 1959.)

She was (G) only six(Em)teen, (C) only six(D)teen
(Am7)(D7) I loved her (G) so.

(G) But she was too (Em) young to (C) fall in (D) love,
And (Am7) I was too (D7) young to (G) know.

We'd (G) laugh and we'd (Em) sing and (C) do the little (D) things
(Am7) That (D7) made our hearts (G) glow.

But (G) she was too (Em) young to (C) fall in (D) love,
And (Am7) I was too (D7) young to (G) know.

(Am7) Why did I (D7) give my (G) heart so (Em) fast.
It (Am7) never will (D7) happen a(G)gain.
But (Am7) I was a (D7) mere (G) lad of six(Em)teen.
(A7) I've aged a year since (D7) then.

She was (G) only six(Em)teen, (C) only six(D)teen,
(Am7) With (D7) eyes that would (G) glow.
But (G) she was too (Em) young to (C) fall in (D) love
And (Am7) I was too (D7) young to (G) know.

(Then (Am7) why did you (D7) give your (G) heart so (Em) fast)
Whoa, it (Am7) never will (D7) happen a(G)gain
((Am7) You were a (D7) mere (G) lad of six(Em)teen)
(A7) I've aged a year since (D7) then.

She was (G) only six(Em)teen, (C) only six(D)teen,
(Am7) With (D7) eyes that would (G) glow.
But (G) she was too (Em) young to (C) fall in (D) love
And (Am7) I was too (D7) young to (G) know.
(G) She was too (Em) young to (C) fall in (D) love
And (Am7) I was too (D7) young to (G) know. *(repeat and fade)*

