

## Rose Garden

(Written by Joe South, recorded by Lynn Anderson (1970), k.d.lang (1987).)

I beg your **(Dm)** pardon, **(G)** I never promised you a **(C)** rose garden.  
Along with the **(Dm)** sunshine,  
**(G)** There's gotta be a little **(C)** rain sometimes.  
When you **(F)** take, you gotta give, so live and let live, or let **(Dm)** go.  
I beg your **(G)** pardon, I never promised you a **(C)** rose garden.

**(C)** I could promise you things like big diamond rings,  
But you don't find roses growin' on stalks of **(Dm)** clover.  
So you better think it **(G)** over.  
Well, if **(C)** sweet-talkin' you could make it come true,  
I would give you the world right now on a silver **(Dm)** platter,  
But what would it **(G)** matter?

So **(Dm)** smile for a while and **(G)** let's be jolly:  
**(Gm)** Love shouldn't be so **(A)** melancholy.  
**(Dm)** Come along and share the good times while we **(Fm)** can. **(G)** (tacet)

*(chorus)*

**(C)** I could sing you a tune or promise you the moon,  
But if that's what it takes to hold you, I'd just as soon **(Dm)** let you go,  
But there's one thing **(G)** I want you to know.  
You better **(C)** look before you leap, still waters run deep,  
And there won't always be someone there to **(Dm)** pull you out,  
And you know what I'm **(G)** talkin' about.

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*(repeat and fade)*

