

# As Tears Go By

Rolling Stones 1964 4:4 Ballad

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*Intro:* **G A C D**

**(G)** It is the **(A)** evening of the **(C)** day **(D)**  
**(G)** I sit and **(A)** watch the children **(C)** play **(D)**  
**(C)** Smiling faces **(D)** I can see  
**(G)** But not for **(Em)** me  
**(Cx2)** I sit and watch as tears go **(Dx2)** by

**(G)** My riches **(A)** can't buy every- **(C)** thing **(D)**  
**(G)** I want to **(A)** hear the children **(C)** sing **(D)**  
**(C)** All i hear **(D)** is the sound  
**(G)** Of rain falling **(Em)** on the ground  
**(Cx2)** I sit and watch as tears go **(Dx2)** by

*Instrumental verse (as above verse)*

*Hum along or sing melody in quiet Oo's, Ah's or such*

**(G)** It is the **(A)** evening of the **(C)** day **(D)**  
**(G)** I sit and **(A)** watch the children **(C)** play **(D)**  
**(C)** Doin' things I **(D)** used to do  
**(G)** They think are **(Em)** new  
**(Cx2)** I sit and watch as tears go **(Dx2)** by

*Outro: Humming over **G A C D** twice (i.e., 1st 2 lines of melody)  
then single strum **G***

*Note that lyrics at beginning of each line start on 2nd beat of bar.*