

Accidents Will Happen

Words & Music:

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D D/C# D/B D/A
Oh, I just don't know where to begin.
G G/F# Em7 A
Though he says he'll wait forever, it's now or never.
D F#m7-5/C F#m7-5/A G G/F#
But she keeps him hanging on---- the silly champion.
Em Em/D A/C# A D/F#
She says she can't go home without a chaperone.

CHORUS:

Dm F G
Accidents will happen, we only hit and run.
C F Bb C
He used to be your victim, now you're not the only one
Dm F G
Accidents will happen, we only hit and run.
C F Bb C Bb/D Bb
I don't want to hear it, 'cause I-- know what I've done

There's so many fish in the sea
That only rise up in the sweat and smoke like mercury.
But they keep you hanging on, they say you're so young.
Your mind is made up but your mouth is undone.

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

Bm Em
And it's the damage that we do and never know
Bm Asus4 A A6
It's the words that we don't say that scare me so.

There's so many people to see.
So many people you can check up on and add to your collection
But they keep you hanging on until you're well hung
Your mouth is made up but your mind is undone

CHORUS: [last lines are:]

C F Bb C Bb/D

I don't want to hear it, 'cause I-- know what I've,
Bb C Bb C D D5 Dsus2 D5 Dsus2
I-- know what I've, I-- know what I've done

F6 FM7 F6 FM7
I-- know, I-- know,
D/F# Dsus2/F# D/F# Dsus2/F#
I---- know----, I---- know *[repeat and out]*