

Lives in The Balance (Jackson Browne)

Em I've been waiting for something to happen **Cmaj7** For a week or a month or a year **Em**
With the blood in the ink of the headlines **Em** And the sound of the crowd in my ear
You might ask what it takes to remember **Em** When you know that you've seen it before
Where a government lies to a people **Em** And a country is drifting to war

C There's a shadow on the faces **Em** Of the men who send the guns **Em**
C **G** **C** **B7**
To the wars that are fought in places **C** Where their business interests run **B7**

Em On the radio talk shows and TV **Cmaj7** You hear one thing again and again **Em**
How the USA stands for freedom **Cmaj7** And we come to the aid of a friend
But who are the ones that we call our friends? **Em** These governments killing their own?
Em **C** **B7**
Or the people who finally can't take anymore **C** And they pick up a gun or a brick or a stone **B7**

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Em **D** **C**
And there are lives in the balance **D** There are..... **C**
Em **D** **C**
People under fire **D** There are.... **C**
Em **D** **C** **B7** **Em**
Children at the cannon **D** And there is blood on the wire..... **C**

Em They sell us the president the same way **Cmaj7** They sell us our clothes and our cars **Em**
They sell us everything from youth to religion **Cmaj7** The same way they sell us our wars
I want to know who the men in the shadows are **Em** I want to hear somebody asking them why **B7**
Em **C** **B7**
They can be counted on to tell us who our enemies are **C** But they're never the ones to fight or to die **B7**

C There's a shadow on the faces **Em** Of the men who fan the flames **Em**
C **G** **C** **B7**
Of the wars that are fought in places **C** Where we can't even say the names **B7**

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