

NO SURPRISE IF YOU KNOW ME WELL

Buddy Mondlock gave us a very fine performance at our April Second Saturday concert. His talent and decades of experience as a top singer-songwriter and performer were on full display. Buddy has graciously given us permission to publish one of his best-known songs, **The Kid**, which was famously recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary in 1995. Thanks to Bob Stevenson for transcribing the chords and lyrics. The song is shown in G, while Buddy actually plays it in G chord shape, capoed up five frets to C. You can put the capo wherever you like, and can probably find a comfortable place to sing it somewhere between G and C. You can see and hear Buddy perform this song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHK4uObryc> or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html

THE KID

by Buddy Mondlock

[Intro]

/ G --- / D --- / Em --- / C --- /
/ G --- / D --- / C --- / D --- /

G D Em C D
I'm the kid who__ran away with the cir-cus;
G D C D
Now I'm watering el-e-phants.
G D Em C D
But I sometimes__lie awake in the saw-dust
G D C D
Dreaming I'm in a suit of light.
Em C
_Late at night in the _empty big top, I'm
Em C
All alone on the high wire
Em A7sus A7
"Look, he's working with-out a net this time!
D C D
_He's a real death defy-er!"

I'm the kid who__always looked out the win-dows,
Failing tests in ge-og-ra-phy.
But, I've seen things__far beyond just the school yard,
Distant shores of ex-ot-ic lands.
_There're the spires of the__Turkish Empire!
_It's six months since we made__land fall,
_Riding low with the__spice of India
Through Gibraltar; we're rich men all!

[Interlude]

/ G --- / D --- / Em --- / C --- /
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I'm the kid who__ thought we'd someday be lov-ers;
Always_ held out that time would tell.
Time was talking_ - _guess I just wasn't list'ning;
No sur-prise_, _if you know me well.
_As we're walking__ toward the train station,
_There's a whispering rainfall.
_'Cross the boulevard, you slip your hand in mine;
In the distance the train calls.

I'm the kid who__ has this habit of dream-ing;
Sometimes gets me in__ trouble, too.
But the truth is_, _I could no more stop dream-ing
G D C G
Than__ I could make them all_ come true.