

Cleopatra

*Lumineers***[G]**

I was **[G]** Cleopatra, I was **[C]** young and an **[G]** actress
 When you **[C]** knelt by my **[G]** mattress, and asked for my **[D]** hand
 But I was **[G]** sad you asked it, as I **[C]** laid in a **[G]** black dress
 With my **[C]** father in a **[G]** casket, I had no **[D]** plans

[G] (play the verse above as a solo if you fancy it!)

And I **[G]** left the footprints, the mud **[C]** stained on the **[G]** carpet
 And it **[C]** hardened like my **[G]** heart did when you left **[D]** town
 But I **[G]** must admit it, that I would **[C]** marry you in an **[G]** instant
 Damn your **[C]** wife, I'd be your **[G]** mistress just to have you **[D]** around

Chorus: (drop rhythm and go to single strums)

But I was **[G]** late for **[D]** this, **[C]** late for **[G]** that, **[C]** late for the **[G]** love of my **[D]** life
 And when I **[G]** die **[D]** alone, when I **[C]** die **[G]** alone, when I **[C]** die I'll **[G]** be on **[D]** time

(start rhythm again) **[G]**

While the **[G]** church discouraged, any **[C]** lust that burned within **[G]** me
 Yes my **[C]** flesh, it was my **[G]** currency, but I held **[D]** true
 So I **[G]** drive a taxi, and the **[C]** traffic **[G]** distracts me
 From the **[C]** strangers in my **[G]** backseat, they remind me **[D]** of you

(drop rhythm and go to single strums)

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(still single strums)

And the **[Em]** only gifts from my **[G]** Lord were a **[C]** birth and **[D]** a **[Em]** divorce
 But I've **[G]** read this script and the **[Em]** costume fits, **[C]** so I'll **[D]** play my **[G]** part

(start rhythm again) **[G]**

I was **[G]** Cleopatra, I was **[C]** taller than the **[G]** rafters
 But that's **[C]** all in the **[G]** past now, gone with the **[D]** wind
 Now a **[G]** nurse in white shoes **[C]** leads me back to my **[G]** guest-room

(quiet slow and single strums)

It's a **[C]**(ring) bed and a **[G]**(ring) bathroom
 And a place for the **[D]** (ring) end

(single strums and quiet)

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(louder)

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[D] [G]