

A BIRD IN A GILDED CAGE

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Verse 1:

F **Gm**
The ballroom was filled with fashion's throng
C7 **F**
It shown with a thousand lights

Gm **G7**
And there was a woman
F **Dm** **Gdim**
Who passed a - long
F **G7** **C** **C7**
The fairest of all the sights

F
A girl to her lover
Gm
Then softly sighed
C7 **Bb7** **A**
There's riches at her com-mand

Gm **Ddim**
But she married for wealth
F **Gdim**
Not for love, he cried
G7 **C** **C7**
Though she lives in a mansion grand

Chorus:

F **Gm**
She's only a bird in a gilded cage
C7 **F** **F7**
A beautiful site to see

Gm **G7**
You may think she's happy
F **Dm** **Gdim**
And free from care
G7 **C** **C7**
She's not though she seems to be

F
Tis' sad when you think
Bb6 Gm
Of her wasted life
C7 F F7
For youth cannot mate with age

Gm G7
And her beauty was sold
F D7
For an old man's gold
G7 C7 F C7
She's a bird in a gilded cage

Verse 2:

F Gm
I stood in a churchyard just at eve
C7 F
When sunset adorned the west

Gm G7
And looked at the people
F Dm Gdim
Who'd come to grieve
F G7 C C7
For loved ones now laid at rest

F
A tall marble monument
Gm
Marked the grave
C7 Bb7 A
Of one who'd been fash-ion's queen

Gm Ddim
And I thought she is happier
F Dm Gdim
Here to rest
G7 C C7
Than to have people say when seen

End Chords: Gm Bbm6 F