

# So Says the Whippoorwill

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**Intro:** D D/C# D/B D G A D

The change could happen any day D D/C# D/B D  
So says the whippoor-will. G A D (D/B)  
It comes 'round for the seeds I leave D D/C# D/B D  
Out on the window sill, G A  
Be free, you fool, be free, you fool G D G D  
She sings all after – noon G G/F# Em A  
And as if to show me how it's done D D/C# D/B D  
She leaps in – to the blue G A D (D/B)

And the change could happen any day D D/C# D/B D  
Or so say all the guards G A D (D/B)  
In the prison I have built around D D/C# D/B D  
My solitary heart G A  
I tell myself that I'm alright G D G D  
That it's not so bad a place G G/F# Em A  
Truth is that I'm just scared to death D D/C# D/B D  
Of walking through that gate G A D (D/B)

And the change could happen any day D D/C# D/B D  
So say my true love's eyes G A D (D/B)  
They see into my sha-dows D D/C# D/B D  
With their sweet forgiving light G A  
She smiles and says come on, let's go G D G D  
Let's stroll the boulevard G G/F# Em A  
It's such a shame to waste the night D D/C# D/B D  
Just sitting in the dark G A D (D/B)

And the change could happen any day D D/C# D/B D  
Or so says Father Brown G A D (D/B)  
I listen for that still small voice D D/C# D/B D  
But I just can't make it out G A  
Beneath the constant whispering G D G D  
Of the de – vil that I know G G/F# Em A  
But who would I be if I believed D D/C# D/B D  
Who am I if I don't G A D (D/B)

And the change could happen any day D D/C# D/B D  
So said the mountaineer G A D (D/B)  
Before he turned to face his cliff D D/C# D/B D  
Without a trace of fear G A  
Yode-lay-oh, yode-lay-who G D G D  
He sang right up until G G/F# Em A  
He caught sight of that open blue D D/C# D/B D  
And became a whippoorwill G A D (D/B)

\*Instrumental Break  
 instead of this verse.

**Repeat last two lines**