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Everybody Knows – Leonard Cohen

Em

Intro **Em Em C C**

Verse 1

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          Em                    Em              C                  C
Everybody knows that the dice are loaded, everybody rolls with their fingers crossed
         Em              Em              C                      C
Everybody knows the war is over, everybody knows that the good guys lost
          Am                 B7                 D                 Em
Everybody knows the fight was fixed, the poor stay poor, the rich get rich
            F       B7            Em     Em
That's how it goes….     Everybody knows
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Verse 2

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          Em                    Em              C                  C
Everybody knows that the boat is leaking, everybody knows the captain lied
         Em              Em              C                      C
Everybody got this broken feeling, like their father or their dog just died
          Am                 B7              D                     Em
Everybody talking to their pockets, everybody wants a box of chocolates
                F        B7            Em      Em
And a long stem rose…        Everybody knows
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Verse 3

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          Em                    Em              C                  C
Everybody knows that you love me, baby, everybody knows that you really do
         Em                    Em              C              C
Everybody knows that you've been faithful, give or take a night or two
          Am                 B7
Everybody knows you've been discreet
                        D                     Em
But there were so many people you just had to meet
              F         B7                 Em      Em
Without your clothes…      And everybody knows
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Instrumental

Em	**Em**	**C**	**C**
Em	**Em**	**C**	**C**
Am	**B7**	**D**	**Em**
F	**B7**	**Em**	**Em**

Verse 4

Em Em C C
Everybody knows that it's now or never, everybody knows that it's me or you
Em Em C C
And everybody knows that you live forever, when you've done a line or two
Am B7 D Em
Everybody knows the deal is rotten, old black Joe's still picking cotton
F B7 Em Em
For your ribbon and bows… And everybody knows

Verse 5

Em Em C C
Everybody knows the plague is coming, everybody knows that it's moving fast
Em Em C C
Everybody knows that your naked man and woman, are just a shining artifact of the past
Am B7 D Em
Everybody knows the scene is dead, but there's gonna be a meter on your bed
F↓ B7~ Em Em
Which will disclose… What everybody knows

Verse 6

Em Em
Everybody knows that you're in trouble
C C
Everybody knows what you've been through
Em Em
From the bloody cross on top of Calvary
C C
To the beach of Malibu
Am B7
Everybody knows it's coming apart
D Em
Take one last look at this sacred heart
F Em
Before it blows, Everybody knows

Outro

Em Em
Everybody knows Everybody knows
C C Em Em
That's how it goes Everybody knows
C C
Everybody knows Everybody knows
Am B7 D F Em~
That's how it goes Everybody knows Everybody knows