

## I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN (JOE SOUTH, 1967) \*

**Chorus:**

**G                  Am      D7                                  G**

I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden

**Am                  D7                                  G**  
**Along with the sunshine there's gotta be a little rain sometimes**

**C** **Am**  
When you take you gotta give so live and let live or let go

**Am** **D7** **G**  
I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden

**G**  
I could promise you things like big diamond rings

Am  
but you don't find roses growing on stalks of clover

**D7**  
**So you better think it over**

**G**  
**When it's sweet-talking you could make it come true**

**I would give you the world right now on a silver platter** **Am**

## D7

### But what would it matter?

### Bridge:

**Am D7**  
**So smile for a while and let's be jolly**

**Dm                      E7**

**Love shouldn't be so melancholy**

**Am Cm D7**  
**Come along and share the good times while we can (Chorus)**

**I could sing you a tune and promise you the moon  
But if that's what it takes to hold you,  
I'd just as soon let you go.  
But there's one thing I want you to know  
You better look before you leap still waters run deep  
And there won't always be someone there to pull you out  
And you know what I'm talking about**

**(Bridge, Chorus)**