

Jackson Browne - Lives In The Balance

Intro: Em, D x4

Verse:

Ive been waiting for something to happen

For a week or a month or a year

With the blood in the ink of the headlines

And the sound of the crowd in my ear

You might ask what it takes to remember

When you know that you've seen it before

Where a government lies to a people

And a country is drifting to war

Pre-chorus:

And theres a shadow on the faces

Of the men who send the guns

To the wars that are fought in places

Where their business interest runs

Verse 2 (same arrangement as Verse 1):

On the radio talk shows and the t.v.  
You hear one thing again and again  
How the u.s.a. stands for freedom  
And we come to the aid of a friend  
But who are the ones that we call our friends--  
These governments killing their own?  
Or the people who finally cant take any more

Chorus:

And they pick up a gun or a brick or a stone

Em D Em D  
 There are lives in the balance  
 Em D Em D  
 There are people under fire  
 Em D Em D  
 There are children at the cannons  
 C B  
 And there is blood on the wire

Interlude

Pre-chorus:

C Em  
 There's a shadow on the faces  
 C Em  
 Of the men who fan the flames  
 C G  
 Of the wars that are fought in places  
 D B  
 Where we can't even say the names

Verse 3:

They sell us the president the same way  
 They sell us our clothes and our cars  
 They sell us every thing from youth to religion  
 The same time they sell us our wars  
 I want to know who the men in the shadows are  
 I want to hear somebody asking them why  
 They can be counted on to tell us who our enemies are

Chorus:

C B  
 But they're never the ones to fight or to die  
 Em D Em D  
 And there are lives in the balance  
 Em D Em D  
 There are people under fire  
 Em D Em D  
 There are children at the cannons  
 C B  
 And there is blood on the wire

Outro:

Em, D x3, end with Em.