

# The Rose

(Bette Midler, 1979)

INTRO: F / G / C (x2)

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C**  
Some say love, it is a river, that drowns the tender reed,

**G** **F** **G** **C**  
Some say love, it is a razor, that leaves your soul to bleed,

**Em** **Am** **F** **G/** **G7/**  
Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need,

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C** **C**  
I say love, it is a flower, and you its only seed.

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C**  
It's the heart afraid of breaking, that never learns to dance,

**G** **F** **G** **C**  
It's the dream afraid of waking, that never takes the chance,

**Em** **Am** **F** **G/** **G7/**  
It's the one who won't be taken, who cannot seem to give,

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C** **C**  
And the soul afraid of dying, that never learns to live.

**VERSE 1:**  
Ladies only

**VERSE 2:**  
Men join in

Kazoo or  
harmonica  
instrumental

**VERSE 3:**  
all sing

**Kazoo or Harmonica: Play the melody from the verse**

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C**  
When the night has been too lonely, and the road has been too long,

**G** **F** **G** **C**  
Then you think that love is only, for the lucky and the strong,

**Em** **Am** **F** **G/** **G7/**  
Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snow,

**C** **G** **F** **G** **C** **C↓**  
Lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose

