

THE JOKE – Brandi Carlile (D)

INTRO: D - Am7 - G - D

D Am7 G D
You're feeling nervous, aren't you, boy?...with your quiet voice...and impeccable style
D Am7 G D
Don't ever let them steal your joy...and your gentle ways...to keep 'em from running wild
D (enter bass and violin)
They can kick dirt in your face
Am7 G
Dress you down and tell you that your place is in the middle...
D
When they hate the way you shine
D Am7 G D
I see you tugging on your shirt...trying to hide inside of it...and hide how much it hurts

(everyone)

D Am7
CHORUS: Let 'em laugh while they can
G Gm D
Let 'em spin...let 'em scatter in..the wind
F# G
I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends
Gm D
And the joke's on them

REPEAT INTRO: D - Am7 - G - D

D Am7 G D
You get discouraged, don't you, girl?...it's your brother's world...for a while longer
D Am7
We gotta dance with the devil on a river to beat the stream
G D
Call it living the dream...call it kicking the ladder
D Am7
They come to kick dirt in your face...to call you weak and then displace you
G D
After carrying your baby on your back across the desert
D Am7 G D
I saw your eyes behind your hair...and you're looking tired...but you don't look scared

REPEAT CHORUS

BREAK: D Am7 G D

D Am7
ENDING CHORUS: Let 'em laugh while they can
G Gm D
Let 'em spin...let 'em scatter in the wind
F# G
I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends
Gm
And the joke's on.....(SUSTAIN!)

D - Am7 - G - Gm

them

D Am7 G D

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(quietly) D Am7 G (hold briefly and end on a single) D