

BALLAD OF THE BUTTERFLY

Words and music by Doug Berger, 2/81

C Am E Am (finger pick intro) pause, say "2, 3, 4", Strum C Am E Am,

C Am E Am C Am E Am
Feathers tickle silk cocoons, feathers tickle silk cocoons

C F G
A colored caravan flies.

C Am E Am C Am E Am
On journey to mister moon, on journey to mister moon.

C F G C(3) Am(1) E(1) Am(1)
They run from hawks with evil eyes.

C Am E Am C Am E Am
In orbit they flutter free, in orbit they flutter free

C F G
They bow beneath a roof of sky.

C Am E Am C Am E Am
On course for the mystic sea, on course for the mystic sea

C F G
Girls in feathers hypnotize.

C Am F E, C Am F E (On these try F a strum or 2 w/pinky on 1st string 3rd fret then to E)

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Then Chorus:

C F G C F G
The Ballad of the Butterfly, ballerinas of the sunrise,

C F G+

The Ballad of the Butterfly

+(this last G as: Hold G position w/ fingers 2 and 3 on 5th and 6th

frets: strum G then, strum open 1st string, strum G7 {1st string
1st fret}, strum open string, strum G again.)

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Reprise:

C Am Em Am

Why don't they care about the air?

C Am E Am C Am

Why do they poison and spoil, all the air that we breath,

E Am C Am E Am

with fumes from their oil?

C Am F E C Am

Will anybody cry when the butterflies die? Will anybody cry when

F E

the butterflies die?

CHORUS

C Am E Am

They float in harmony with the breeze,

C Am E Am

they float in harmony with the breeze,

C F G

Jets of Nymphs with cockpit-eyes.

C Am E Am

They tower over Tangerine trees,

C Am E Am

they tower over Tangerine trees.

C F G

Mistral winds with ancient spies.

C Am F E, C Am F E (On these try F a strum or 2 w/pinky on 1st string 3rd fret then to E)

CHORUSX2 then fade.
