

father and son

Words & Music by Cat Stevens.

♩ = 96

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Piano introduction in F major, 4/4 time. The right hand plays chords: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter). The left hand plays a bass line: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter).

1. It's not time to make a change; just re - lax, take it ea - sy. You're still
(Verse 2 see block lyric)

Chords: F, C/E, Dm⁷, Bb

young, that's your fault; there's so much you have to know. — Find a girl,

Chords: F, Dm, Gm⁷, C/E

— set - tle down; if you want, — you can mar - ry. Look at

Chords: F, C/E, Dm⁷, Bb

1.

F Dm Gm C

me: I am old but I'm hap - py. 2. I was

2.

F Dm C/E F Bb

still be here to - mor - row, but your dreams may not.

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F C/E

3. How can I try to ex - plain? When I
(Verse 4 see block lyric)

Dm7 Bb F Dm

do he turns a - way a - gain. Well, it's al - ways been the same, same old

Gm7 C F C/E

sto - ry. From the mo - ment I could talk, I was

To Coda ⊕

Dm⁷ B^b F Dm

or - dered to lis - ten; — now there's a way, — and I know that I

C/E F C B^b

have to go a - way. I know I have to

F B^b F

go. It's not

C/E Dm⁷ B^b

time to make a change, just sit down and take it slow - ly. You're still

F Dm Gm⁷ C

young, that's your fault; there's so much you have to go through. Find a

F C/E Dm⁷ B \flat

girl, set - tle down; if you want, you can mar - ry. Look at

F Dm Gm⁷ C *D.%. al Coda*

me: I am old but I'm hap - py. All the

⊕ *Coda*

C/E F C B \flat F

have to go a - way. I know I have to go.

Verse 2:

I was once like you are now
 And I know that it's not easy
 To be calm when you've found something going on.
 But take your time, think a lot
 Think of everything you've got.
 For you will still be here tomorrow
 But your dreams may not.

Verse 4:

All the times that I've cried
 Keeping all the things I knew inside
 And it's hard, but it's harder to ignore it.
 If they were right I'd agree
 But it's them they know, not me
 Now there's a way, and I know
 That I have to go away.
 I know I have to go.