

## FATHER AND SON

CAT STEVENS

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Father

Its not time to make a change,  
Just relax, take it easy.  
Youre still young, thats your fault,  
Theres so much you have to know.  
Find a girl, settle down,  
If you want you can marry.  
Look at me, I am old, but Im happy.

I was once like you are now, and I know that its not easy,  
To be calm when youve found something going on.  
But take your time, think a lot,  
Why, think of everything youve got.  
For you will still be here tomorrow, but your dreams may not.

Son

How can I try to explain, when I do he turns away again.  
Its always been the same, same old story.  
From the moment I could talk I was ordered to listen.  
Now theres a way and I know that I have to go away.  
I know I have to go.

Father

Its not time to make a change,  
Just sit down, take it slowly.  
Youre still young, thats your fault,  
Theres so much you have to go through.  
Find a girl, settle down,  
If you want you can marry.  
Look at me, I am old, but Im happy.  
(son-- away away away, I know I have to  
Make this decision alone - no)

Son

All the times that I cried, keeping all the things I knew inside,  
Its hard, but its harder to ignore it.  
If they were right, Id agree, but its them you know not me.  
Now theres a way and I know that I have to go away.  
I know I have to go.  
(father-- stay stay stay, why must you go and  
Make this decision alone? )