

# Father and Son

by Cat Stevens (1970)

## Father

*G* *D* *C* *Am*  
It's not time to make a change, just relax and take it easy you're still  
*G* *Em* *Am* *D*  
young that's your fault, there's so much you have to know Find a  
*G* *D* *C* *Am7*  
girl, settle down, if you want to, you can marry look at  
*G* *Em* *Am* *D*  
me, I am old, but I'm happy  
*G* *Bm7* *C* *Am7*  
I was once like you are now, and I know that its not easy to be  
*G* *Em* *Am* *D*  
calm, when you've found something going on but take your  
*G* *Bm7* *C* *Am7*  
time, think a lot, why think of ev' rything you've got for you will  
*G* *Em* *D*(1 beat only) *G-C riff* *G-C riff*  
still be here tomorrow, but your dreams may not

## Son

*G* *Bm* *C* *Am7*  
How can I try to explain? when I do he turns away again  
*G* *Em* *Am* *D*  
it's always been the same, same old story  
*G* *Bm* *C* *Am7*  
From the moment I could talk I was ordered to listen now there's a  
*G* *Em* *D*(1 beat only) *G*(3 beats)  
way and I know I have to go away  
*D*(2 beats) *C*(1 beat only) *G-C riff* *G-C riff*  
and I know I have to go

## Father

It's not time to make a change, just sit down, take it slowly.  
You're still young, that's your fault, there's 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 I'm 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, I'd agree, but it's them you know not me.  
Now there's 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? )