

Father and Son (Fingerstyle) - Cat Stevens (4/4)

Intro:

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e | ---3-----3---5---- | ---3-----3---5---- |
B | ---0-0h1----- | ---0-0h1----- |
G | ---0-----5---5---- | ---0-----5---5---- |
D | ---0-0h2----- | ---0-0h2----- |
A | ---2----- | ---2----- |
E | -3-3-----7s- | -3-3-----7s- |
    
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e | ---3-----3---5---- | ---3----- |
B | ---0-0h1----- | ---0-0h1-0-1- |
G | ---0-----5---5---- | ---0----- |
D | ---0-0h2----- | ---0-0h2----- |
A | ---2----- | ---2----- |
E | -3-3-----7s- | -3-3----- |
    
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It's not

Verse 1: [Father]

G

D/F#

C

Am7

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e | ----- | ----- | -----0- | ----- |
B | -3---1-0-1--- | -3-----0-1- | -3-----3----- | -----0- |
G | ----- | -----2----- | -----0----- | ---0-0-2----- |
D | ---0-----0- | ---0-----0- | ---2-----2--- | ---2-----2--- |
A | ----- | ----- | -3-----3----- | -0---0----- |
E | -3-----3--- | -2-----2--- | ----- | ----- |
    
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time to make a change, just relax and take it easy

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Em

Am7

D

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e | ----- | ----- | -----3--- | -2----- |
B | -----0- | -----1-0--- | ----- | -3---0-1- |
G | -----0-2--- | ----- | -2---2----- | -2----- |
D | ---0-----0--- | ---2-----2- | ---2-----2- | -0----- |
A | ----- | ----- | -0-----0----- | ----- |
E | -3---3----- | -0---0----- | ----- | ----- |
    
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You're still young that's your fault there's so...

...much you have to know. Find a

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-----0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|---0-----0-|---2-----2---|---2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|---3-----3-----|-0---0-----|
E|-3-----3-----|-2-----2-----|-----|-----|
girl, settle down, if you want to, you can marry
  
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e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|---3---0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|---2---2-----|---2-----|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|---2-----2-|-0-----|
A|-----|-----|---0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----|-----|
Look at me, I am old, but I'm happy I was
  
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Verse 2: [Father]

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-----0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|---0-----0-|---2-----2---|---2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|---3-----3-----|-0---0-----|
E|-3-----3-----|-2-----2-----|-----|-----|
once like you are now, and I know that its not easy
  
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e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|---3---0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|---2---2-----|---2-----|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|---2-----2-|-0-----|
A|-----|-----|---0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----|-----|
to be calm, when you've found something going on
                                     But take your
  
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  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-----0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|---0-----0-|---2-----2---|---2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|---3-----3-----|-0---0-----|
E|-3-----3-----|-2-----2-----|-----|-----|
time, think a lot, why think of... everything you've got
  
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G Em Am7 Coda (Verse 2)

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e|-----|-----|-----|---3-----3---5---|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|---0-0h1-----|
G|-----0-2---|-----|---2-2-0---|---0-----5---5---|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|-0-0-0---|---0-0h2-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|---2-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----3---|-3-3-----7s-|
  
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For you will still be here tomorrow...
 ...but your dreams may not

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e|---3-----|
B|---0-0h1-0-1-|
G|---0-----|
D|---0-0h2-----|
A|---2-----|
E|-3-3-----|
  
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How can

Verse 3: [Son]

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|-0-----0-|-2-----2---|-2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|-3-----3-----|-0-0-----|
E|-3-----3---|-2-----2-----|-----|-----|
  
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try to explain? 'cause when I do he turns away again

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e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|---3---0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|---2---2-----|-2-----|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|---2-----2-|-0-----|
A|-----|-----|-0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----|-----|
  
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It's always been the same, same old story

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|-0-----0-|-2-----2---|-2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|-3-----3-----|-0-0-----|
E|-3-----3---|-2-----2-----|-----|-----|
  
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From the moment I could talk I was ordered to listen

G Em D G G D D C

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0-|-----|0-3-|-----3-1-1-|
G|---2-0-2-|-----|2-2-0-|0-2-|-----2-0-0-|
D|---0-0-0-|---2-2-2-|0-0-0-|---0-|-----0-2-2-|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----3-3-|
E|-3-3-3-|0-0-0-|---3-|3-|-----|-----|

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Now there's a way, and I know that I...
 ...have to go away...
 ...I know I have to go

G Coda (Verse 3)

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e|-3-|---3-|---3-5-|---3-|---3-5-|
B|-----|---0-0h1-|-----|---0-0h1-|-----|
G|-----|---0-5-5-|-----|---0-5-5-|-----|
D|-----|---0-0h2-|-----|---0-0h2-|-----|
A|-2-|---2-|-----|---2-|-----|
E|-3-|---3-|-----7s-|-3-3-|-----7s-|

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Solo: (Same as Verse 3):

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3-1-0-1-|-3-0-1-|-3-3-|-----0-|
G|-----|---2-|-----0-|---0-0-2-|
D|---0-0-0-|---0-0-0-|-2-2-|-2-2-|
A|-----|-----|-3-3-|-0-0-|
E|-3-3-3-|-2-2-2-|-----|-----|

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G Em Am7 D

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e|-----|-----|-----3-|-2-|
B|-----0-|---1-0-|-----|-3-0-1-|
G|-----0-2-|-----|-2-2-|-2-|
D|---0-0-0-|---2-2-|-2-2-|-0-|
A|-----|-----|-0-0-|-----|
E|-3-3-3-|-0-0-|-----|-----|

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G D/F# C Am7

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3-1-0-1-|-3-0-1-|-3-3-|-----0-|
G|-----|---2-|-----0-|---0-0-2-|
D|---0-0-0-|---0-0-0-|-2-2-|-2-2-|
A|-----|-----|-3-3-|-0-0-|
E|-3-3-3-|-2-2-2-|-----|-----|

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G Em D G G D D C

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|0-3-----|---3-1-1-|
G|---2-0-2---|-----|2-2-0---|0-2-----|---2-0-0-|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|0-0-0-0---|---0-----|---0-2-2-|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|0---0-----|---3---|3-----|-----|

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G Coda (Solo) - Same as Coda Verse 3

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e|-3-----|---3-----3---5---|---3-----3---5---|
B|-----|---0-0h1-----|---0-0h1-----|
G|-----|---0-----5---5---|---0-----5---5---|
D|-----|---0-0h2-----|---0-0h2-----|
A|-2-----|---2-----|---2-----|
E|-3-----|3-3-----7s-|3-3-----7s-|

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Verse 4 [Father] (Same as Verse 1 - *simplified):

G* D/F# C* Am7

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-----0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|---0-----0-|---2-----2---|---2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|3-----3-----|0---0-----|
E|-3---3-----|2-----2-----|-----|-----|

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time to make a change, just sit down and take it slowly

G* Em Am7 D

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e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-----1-0---|-----|3---0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|2---2-----|2-----|
D|---0-----0---|---2-----2-|---2-----2-|0-----|
A|-----|-----|0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|0---0-----|-----|-----|

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You're still young that's your fault...
...there's so much you have to go through. Find a

G* D/F# C* Am7

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e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-----0-|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|---0-----0-|---2-----2---|---2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|3-----3-----|0---0-----|
E|-3---3-----|2-----2-----|-----|-----|

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girl settle down if you want you can marry

G* Em Am7 D

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e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-1-0---|-----|-3--0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|-2--2-----|-2-----|
D|---0-----0---|-2-----2-|-2-----2-|-0-----|
A|-----|-----|-0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----|
look at me I am old but I'm happy                      All the
    
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Verse 5: [Son]

G* D/F# C* Am7

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-0-----|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|-0-----0-|-2-----2---|-2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|-3-----3-----|-0---0-----|
E|-3-----3-----|-2-----2-----|-----|
times that I cried...
    ...keeping all the things I knew inside
    
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G* Em Am7 D

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----|-----|-----3---|-2-----|
B|-----0-|-1-0---|-----|-3--0-1-|
G|-----0-2---|-----|-2--2-----|-2-----|
D|---0-----0---|-2-----2-|-2-----2-|-0-----|
A|-----|-----|-0-----0-----|-----|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|-----|
It's hard, but it's harder to ignore it                      If they
    
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G* D/F# C* Am7

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----|-----|-----0-|-----|
B|-3---1-0-1---|-3-----0-1-|-3-----3-----|-0-----|
G|-----|-----2-----|-----0-----|---0-0-2-----|
D|---0-----0-|-0-----0-|-2-----2---|-2-----2---|
A|-----|-----|-3-----3-----|-0---0-----|
E|-3-----3-----|-2-----2-----|-----|
were right, I'd agree, but it's them they...
    ...know, not me
    
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G Em D G G D D C

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----0-|-1-0---|-----|-0-3-----|---3-1-1-|
G|---2-0-2-----|-----|-2-2-0---|-0-2-----|---2-0-0-|
D|---0-----0---|-2-----2-|-0-0-0---|---0-----|---0-2-2-|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----3-3-|
E|-3---3-----|-0---0-----|---3---|-3-----|-----|
Now there's a way, and I know that I away I know I have to
    
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G

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      | | | |
e|-3-----|
B|-0-----|
G|-0-----|
D|-0-----|
A|-2-----|
E|-3-----|
go
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Lyrics and Chords:

Intro: [G C] [G C] [G C] [G C]

Verse 1:

G D/F#
 It's not time to make a change,
 C Am7
 just relax and take it easy
 G Em
 You're still young, that's your fault,
 [Am Am7] D
 there's so much you have to know
 G D/F#
 Find a girl, settle down,
 C Am7
 if you want to, you can marry
 G Em
 Look at me, I am old,
 Am7 D
 but I'm happy

Verse 2:

G D
 I was once like you are now,
 C Am7
 and I know that it's not easy
 G Em
 To be calm when you've found
 [Am Am Am7] D
 something going on
 G D
 But take your time, think a lot,
 C Am7
 why think of everything you've got
 G Em
 For you will still be here tomorrow,
 D G
 but your dreams may not

G

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    | | | | | | | | | | |
e|---3-----3---5---|---3-----|
B|---0-0h1-----|---0-0h1-0-1-|
G|---0-----5---5---|---0-----|
D|---0-0h2-----|---0-0h2-----|
A|---2-----|---2-----|
E|-3-3-----7s-|-3-3-----|
    
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How can

Verse 3:

G Bm
 I try to explain? 'cause
 C Am7
 when I do he turns away again
 G Em
 It's always been the same,
 Am7 D
 same old story
 G Bm
 From the moment I could talk
 C Am7
 I was ordered to listen
 G Em
 Now there's a way, and I know
 [D G] [G
 that I have to go away
 D] [D C] G
 I know I have to go

G

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e|---3-----3---5---|---3-----3---5---|
B|---0-0h1-----|---0-0h1-----|
G|---0-----5---5---|---0-----5---5---|
D|---0-0h2-----|---0-0h2-----|
A|---2-----|---2-----|
E|-3-3-----7s-|-3-3-----7s-|
    
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Solo:

G Bm C Am7
 G Em Am7 D
 G Bm C Am7
 G Em [D G]
 [G D] [D C] G

G

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e|---3-----3---5---|---3-----3---5---|
B|---0-0h1-----|---0-0h1-----|
G|---0-----5---5---|---0-----5---5---|
D|---0-0h2-----|---0-0h2-----|
A|---2-----|---2-----|
E|-3-3-----7s-|-3-3-----7s-|
    
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Verse 4:

G D
 It's not time to make a change,
C Am7
 just sit down and take it slowly
G Em
 You're still young, that's your fault,
Am D
 there's so much you have to go through
G D
 Find a girl, settle down,
C Am7
 if you want, you can marry
G Em
 Look at me, I am old,
Am7 D
 but I'm happy

Verse 5:

G Bm
 All the times that I've cried,
C Am7
 keeping all the things I knew inside
G Em
 It's hard, but it's harder to
Am7 D
 ignore it
G Bm
 If they were right, I'd agree,
C Am7
 but it's them they know, not me
G Em
 Now there's a way, and I know
[D G] [G D]
 that I have to go away
[D C] G
 I know I have to go

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