

Living Years
Mike & the Mechanics

[Intro]

G# G#sus2 G# G# G#sus2 G# Gm
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A#m A#sus2 A#m A#m A#sus2 A#m D# D#4 D#5 G#/D# G#4/D# G#/D# *
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G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
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[Verse 1]

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
Every gene - ra - tion-----, | / / / / |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
...Blames the one be - fore-----, | / / / / |

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
And all of their frust - ra - tions... | / / / / |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
...Come beating on your door-----! | / / / / |

[Verse 2]

F#maj7
I know that I'm a prisoner to all my Father held so dear,

A#m7
I know that I'm a hostage... to all his hopes, and fears,

D#7sus4 D#7
I just wish I could have told him...

C#/D# D# G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G#6 G#4 G#
...In the living years-----! | / / / / |

[Verse 3]

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
Woh -oh, crumpled bits of pa - per-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
Filled with imperfect thought-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
Stilted conver - sa - tions-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
I'm a - fraid that's all we've got-----! | / / /___/ /___/ |

[Verse 4]

F#maj7
You say you just don't see it, he says it's perfect sense,
A#m7
You just can't get agreement...in this present tense,
D#7sus4 D#7
We all talk a different language,
C#/D# D# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
Talking in de - fence-----!

[Chorus]

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#
Say it loud-----, say it clear----!
(Say it loud-----, say it clear-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4
You can listen... as well... as you hear-----,

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#
It's too late-----, oh, when we die----!
(It's too late-----, when we die-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4
To ad - mit we don't see eye to eye-----!

[Verse 5]

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#

So we open up a quar - rel-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7

Between the present, and the past-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#

We only sacrifice the fu - ture-----, | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7

It's the bitterness that lasts-----! | / / /___/ /___/ |

[Verse 6]

F#maj7

So don't yield to the fortunes... you sometimes see as fate,

A#m7

It may have a new perspective... on a different day,

D#7sus4 D#7

And if you don't give up, and don't give in,

C#/D# D# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#

You may just be o - kay-----!

[Chorus]

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#

Say it loud-----, woh, say it clear-----!

(Say it loud-----, say it clear-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4

You can listen... as well... as you hear-----,

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#

Because it's too late-----, oh, when we die----!

(It's too late-----, when we die-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4 G#6 G#4 G#

To ad - mit we don't see eye to eye-----! | / / / / |

[Verse 7]

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
I wasn't there, that morn - ing, | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
When my Father passed a - way, | / / /___/ /___/ |

G# G#4 G# G#4 G# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
I didn't get to tell him... | / / /___/ /___/ |

C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C# C#maj7
All the things I had--- to say! | / / /___/ /___/ |

[Verse 8]

F#maj7
I think I caught his spirit, later that same year,
A#m7
I'm sure I heard his echo in my baby's new born tears,
D#7sus4 D#7
I just wish I could have told him...
C#/D# D# G# G#4 G# G#4 G#
...In the living years-----!

[Chorus]

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#
Say it loud-----, come on,say it clear----!
(Say it loud-----, say it clear-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4
You can listen... as well... as you hear-----,

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#
It's too late-----, oh, when we die----!
(It's too late-----, when we die-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 G# G#4
To ad - mit we don't see eye to eye-----!

[Coda]

G#6 G#4 G# G#4 G# G#4 C#maj7 C# C#maj7 C#

Say it loud-----, say it clear----!

(Say it loud-----, say it clear-----!)

A#m7 D#7sus4 D#7 C# G#/C A#m G#

You can listen... as well... as you hear---!