

Cant Not

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(first verse played softly, almost without sound, pianissimo)

Em C A Em C A Em C A

I d be lying if I said I was completely unscathed

Em C A Em C A

I might be proving you right with my silence or my retaliation

E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E

would I be letting you win in my non reaction?

E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E

how would I explain?

E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E

how would I explain this to my children if I had them?

Em C A

Because I can t not.

Em C A

Because I can t not

Em C G Bm

Because i can t afford to be misread one more time.

Em C A Em C A Em C A

Would I be whining if I said I needed a hug?

Em C A Em C A Em C A

Would you feel slighted if I said your love s not enough?

E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E

how can I complain?

E5 F#5/E G5/E F#5/E

how can I complain when Im the one who reaches for it?

Em C A

Because I can t not.

Em C A

Because I can t not

Em C G Bm

Because i cannot walk without my crutches

Em C A

Because I can t not.

Em C A

Because I can t not

Em C G Bm

Because i can t help wonder why you ask me

E E/D A/C# A

To all the unheard wisdom in the schoolyard

E E/D

you think you re the right ones

A/C# B4 B

you think you re the charmed ones i m sure

E E/D A/C# C

how can you go on with such conviction?

E/B

and who do you think you are?

B4 B

why do you question me?

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C G Bm

Because we can t help laugh at underestimations

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C G Bm

Because we can t afford to be misled one more time

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C A

Because we can t not

Em C G Bm

Because we cannot help without your willingness.

Em C A Em A

Why do you affect me? why do you affect me still?

Em C A Em A

Why do you hinder me? why do you hinder me still?

Em C A Em A

why do you unnerve me? why do you unnerve me still?

Em C A Em A

why do you trigger me? why do you trigger me still?