

Away When You Were Here

Ben Folds Five

Standard Tuning, Capo 1

Most chord changes align to the up-beat.

Verse 1:

A **Esus4** **E**
Dad I know you were sad when you died

A **D** **A** **E**
And I was young it s the way I kept you in my mind

A **Esus4** **E**
The mess that was left and my mother cried

A **D** **A** **E**
And when she stood up she was nobody s mother I d be fine

Chorus 1:

D **A**
But I missed you then

D **A**
And I miss you now

F#m **A** **E**
Liked you d missed things I might say

D **A**
You re still lost in clouds

D **A**
But I m older now

F#m **A** **E**
I can see through lifting haze

Bm **A** **E** **D**
That you were away even when you were here

Verse 2:

A **Esus4** **E**
Sometimes a phrase or a manner that s you

A **D**
Comes through me, it goes in a flash

A **E**

It s a frame, it s a blink like life

A **Esus4** **E**
Oh and how much now should we pay for the past

A **D** **A** **E**
Cause you could age with grace if I freed you in my mind

Chorus 2:

D **A**
But I loved you then

D **A**
And I love you now

F#m **A** **E**
All the things I wished I d asked

D **A**
When I m lost in clouds

D **A**
I remember how

F#m **A** **E**
I was robbed and I was blessed

Bm **Bm**
And you were away even when you were here

Bridge:

F#m **E** **Bm**
Cause it s not about you, not you, anymore

F#m **E**
It s about what I d do with it all

C#7 **D** **A** **D** **A** **F#m** **A** **E**
And I, I ll never let you let me down

Break:

D A D A F#m A E

Outro:

A **Esus4** **E**
This morning I wake to be older than you were

A **D** **A** **E**
fresh like snow, for miles, every footprint will be mine

D **A** **D** **A**
You d have lost that weight, you d have gone so straight

F#m A E

You d have made my wedding day

D A D A

You d have saved my youth from that point of truth

F#m A E

You d have kept those wolves at bay

Bm D A

But you were away, you were away even when you were here