

**The Glory Years**  
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[Intro]

**D F#m**

Yeah, Hm

**A E**  
You are my favorite miracle

[Verse 1]

**D F#m**  
When the world finally ends, only then will our destinies doubt us

**A**  
When we spin off the edge of our steps and our couches

**D F#m**  
When just the hidden songs are left on our cassettes and our albums

**E**  
Can we expect that something better surrounds us, when we exit our houses

**D F#m**  
The death of my childhood would unfold in notches

**A**  
It was a cave in social comet of a stolen promise

**D F#m E**  
So how d we grow up but not grow up into who we said we d grow up

Into we said we knew some day we d grow up beyond this

**D (F#m) (A)**  
Now I m as lonely as the town drunk, who only knows he s a man

When he s holding a handful of SoCo and Daniels  
**(D) (F#m)**

Sitting at the bar calling all the colleges girls over  
**(E)**

To sing him Billy Joel karaoke from a broken piano  
**(D) F#m A**

I don t wanna end up just like him I ll keep on writing till my bookmark bends  
**D F#m**

I keep on writing till I lose all that s left of my good hard friends  
**E**

Until I ve spent all the gold that had took our breathe  
**D F#m**

If only it matters I probably I take the loneliest stance  
**A**

I miss unholy abandoned home to me we always will carry it  
**D F#m**

With the strength of an ocean it ll grow like soldiers in battle  
**E**

And looking back over my shoulder see the roads that we travel

[Hook 1]

**D**  
Without the worst nights (nights)  
**F#m**  
And my glory years (years)  
**E** **Bm**  
Without the holes in the rooftop we climbed on  
**D**  
Without the dead nights (nights)  
**F#m**  
And the adventure life (life)  
**E** **Bm**  
Without the memories we never bet our lives on  
**D** **F#m**  
How would I know whoever I am  
**E** **Bm**  
Without the long drive to anywhere that we were always miles from  
**D** **E**  
If these are the best of times I don't want mine back  
**Bm**  
The glory years I always thought I'd have are here

[Interlude]

**D F#m A E** **D**  
**F#m**  
So for anybody who still feels they have the best years of their life  
left to live  
**A** **E**  
I'm right there with you

[Verse 2]

**D** **F#m**  
We nicknamed our best friend Ghost for all the haunts he'd have  
**A**  
There's more to life than the glory years that we thought we'd have  
**D** **F#m**  
We formed a pact for down the road in case we lost track  
**E**  
A dollar diner coffee calls and screen porch menthol packs  
**D** **F#m**  
If you end up somewhere in an office selling car glass  
**A**  
And I still live at home in five years, let's get our maps  
**D** **F#m**  
And tape 'em to the window seat we could travel north fast  
**E**  
Small town kids who learned to fight from our divorced dads  
**D** **F#m**  
Know the rules of separation like our palms  
**A**

Tired eyed of watching burning houses from our lawns

**D F#m**

If only we could find a wait and vacant distant summers

**E**

And fall in deep enough love we d make our parents miss each other

**D F#m**

One story starts for everyone that never made it

**A**

I kissed my first girlfriend on an air mattress that levitated

**D F#m**

I used to hate the ground thats roots and holes are bound to fail

**E Bm**

But making out in UFOs at the Orange County Fair

**D F#m**

Made me feel like something from another world would save us

**A**  
Or some great tragedy would come along to turn my pages

**D F#m**

Maybe I was waiting for a battlefield to earn my place in

**E**  
Still looking back at us the world can see we were courageous

**D F#m**  
But all our worry signs and torn up lives I won t ignore

**A**  
Fell in love too many times at least we got to know our floors

**D F#m**  
I don t plan to ever get the moments we were hoping for

**E**  
A couple years later fast forward

[Bridge]

**D**

Now I know I won t try (try)

**F#m**

I know I won t try (try)

**E**

**Bm**

I will spend my whole life looking for an answer that I won t find

**D F#m**

Now I know I won t find it, damn right I won t find it

**E Bm**

Imma take potential and bury it like I m gold mining

**D F#m**

**E**

I ll take my pen and I ll press it and pray my penmanship resurrects

**Bm**

My depressions, my friendships, my I m in my own crisis

**D E**

Because I m only twenty-two

**Bm**

How am I wishing for the wisdom that s been missing in collision with my old life

**D E Bm**

I said I m only twenty-two, how the fuck am I wishing for what s missing in an

old life

[Hook 2]

**D**

Without the worst nights

**F#m**

And my glory years

**A**

Without the lows in the rooftops we dived from

**D**

Without the dead nights

**F#m**

And the adventure life

**E**

Without the people that you never could rely on

**D**

Man how would you know whoever you are

**F#m**

**A**

Without the long drives down the black midnight roads we almost died on

**D**

**F#m**

These are the best of times and I don't want mine back

**E**

The glory years I always swore I'd have aren't here

**D**

**F#m**

But I got wrongs, I got roads, I got seams

**A**

I got long intermissions where I lost my feet

**D**

**F#m**

I got my best friends behind yeah I brought my team

**E**

They're in the background singing, like that's all I need.

**D**

**F#m**

The orange lights the ocean gasp and it's all a passive

**A**

My quarter life flashes, short enough to make my story last

[Outro]

**D**

**E**

There's more to write than the pouring rain and the autumn grass

**A**

There's more to drive to than all the places you wanna crash

**D**

**E**

**A**

There's more to life than the glory years that you thought you'd have

**D**

But I don't know where I am

**E**

**A**

I'm just lost in my glory years