

Time Trades

Jeffrey Lewis

D A E x4

D A E  
Time is gonna take so much away

D A E  
But there s a way that time can offer you a trade

D A E  
Time is gonna take so much away

D A E  
But there s a way that time can offer you a trade

A E  
You gotta do something that you can get nicer at,

A E  
You gotta do something that you can get wiser at,

A E  
You better do something that you can get better at

D A E  
Cause that s the only thing that time will leave you with

D A E  
Cause time is gonna take so much away

D A E  
But there s a way that time can offer you a trade

A E  
It might be cabaret, it could be poetry,

A E  
It might be trying to make a new happy family,

A E  
It could be violin repair or chemistry,

D A E  
But if it s something that takes lots of time that s good

D A E  
Cause time is gonna take so much away

D A E  
But there s a way that time can offer you a trade.

D E  
Because your looks are gonna leave you

D E  
And your city s gonna change too

D E  
And your shoes are gonna wear through

D A E  
Yeah time is gonna take so much away,

D A E  
But there s a way that you can offer time a trade.

A E  
You gotta do something that you can get smarter at,

A E  
You gotta do something you might just be a starter at,

A E  
You better do something that you can get better at

D A E  
Cause that s the thing that time will leave you with.

D A E x4

A C E  
And maybe that s why they call a trade a trade,

A C E  
Like when they say you should go and learn a trade;

A C E  
The thing you do don t have to be to learn a trade,

A C E  
Just get something back from time for all it takes away.

A E  
It could be many things, it could be anything,

A E  
It could be expertise in Middle Eastern traveling,

A E  
Something to slowly sow the balance life s unraveling

D A E  
You have no choice you have to pay time s price

D A E  
But you can use the price to buy you something nice

D A E  
Something you can only buy with lots of time

D A E  
So when you re old you blow some whippersnapper s mind.

**A** **E**  
It might be researching a book that takes you seven years

**A** **E**  
A book that helps to make the path we take to freedom clear

**A** **E**  
And when you're done you see it started with a good idea

**D** **A** **E**  
One good idea could cost you thousands of your days

**D** **A** **E**  
But it's just time that you'd be spending anyway

**D** **A** **E**  
You have no choice you have to pay time's price

**D** **A** **E**  
But you can use the price to buy you something nice

**A** **C** **E**  
So I've decided recently

**A** **C** **E**  
To try to trade more decently

**A** **C** **E** x2

**D** **A** **E** x4