

growing up

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[Intro] E A E G# A

[Verso 1]

A E B

They say boys don t cry

A

But your daddy shed a lot of tears

E G#

They say I should be a strong man

A

But baby, I m still filled with fear

E B

Sometimes I don t know who I am

A

Sometimes I question why I m here

E G#

I just wanna be a good dad

A

Will I be? I have no idea

[Verso 2]

E

They say girls shouldn t be tough

A

And moms should raise their kids at home

E G#

But baby, I know that that isn t true

A

Cause your momma s the toughest person I know

E

I wanna raise you to be like her

A

And watch you show the world how to do it on your own

E G#

I m still tryna figure out who I am

A E

I don t wanna mess this up or do this wrong

[Verso 3]

E A

I m gonna be there for your first breath

E

I don t know if I ll be there for your first step

G#

I can promise you that I ll try to work less

A

But the tour s routed, and I got this album

E

Put in so many hours, and I just want the outcome

A

To be something that I can look back and I can be proud of

[Verso 4]

E G#

Don t wanna be a dad that s living in FaceTime

A **E**

But I ve got a world to sing to and you at the same time

E **A**

I won't spoil you, you can trust that

A **E**

For your sweet 16, you get a bus pass

E **G#**

Had your heart broken? Been there, done that

A

I love you and I can't give you enough of that

[Verso 5]

E

Give back to community that raised you up

A

Read Langston Hughes, I suggest A Raisin in the Sun

E G#

Listen to Sam Cooke, a change gon come

A E

You put the work in, don't worry about the praise, my love

E **A**

Don't try to change the world, find something that you love

A

And do it every day

E G#

Do that for the rest of your life

A

And eventually, the world will change

[Refrão]

A E A

I ll be patient, one more month

A E G# A E

You ll wrap your fingers round my thumb

E A

Times are changing, I know, but who am I if

E G# A

I m the person you become

A E A

If I m still growing up, up, up, up

A **E** **A**

I m still growing up, up, up, up

E

I m still growing up

[Verso 6]

E **A**

I recommend that you read The Alchemist

A **E**

Listen to your teachers, but cheat in calculus

E **A**

Tell the truth, regardless of the consequence

A **E**

And every day, give your momma a compliment

[Verso 7]

E **B**

Take your girl to the prom

B **A**

But don t get too drunk hanging out the limo

A **E** **G#**

Slow dance with your woman in your arms

G# **A**

Sneak her in after but boy, you better tiptoe

A **F#m** **G#**

Don t wake your mom up, do yoga, learn bout karma

A **B**

Find god, but leave the dogma

[Verso 8]

E **A**

The quickest way to happiness? Learning to be selfless

A

Ask more questions, talk about yourself less

E **G#**

Study David Bowie, James Bowen and 2Pac

A **E**

Watch the sun set with best friends from a rooftop

[Verso 9]

E **A**

Wear a helmet, don t be stupid

A

Jaywalk, but look before you do it

A **E** **G#**

If it snows, go outside, build a jump, get some help

A

Get a sled, thrash the hill with your friends till it melts

[Verso 10]

A E

Go to festivals, camp, fall in love and dance

E A

You re only young once, my love, one, this is your chance

A E G#

Take risks, cause life moves so fast

A

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