

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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