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Im Listening
Tenth Avenue North

[Intro]
G Em

[Verse 1]
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    Em
Why didn t anyone believe
               D        C
A single word when you said it was
G               D           C
  It was your father s friend
           Em
Yeah, only fourteen, life goes on
                         D            C
Who knows, you prob ly brought this on yourself
G            D          C
It s better not to tell
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[Chorus]
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G               Em         D               G
Mother, mother, how many tears have you cried?
                 Em       D     C            D
Mother, I will listen to you tonight to the truth
G                Em            D          G
Mother, how many years before you could breathe?
                 Em         D       C
Mother, I won t turn away when you speak
        D    Em          D      Em
I m listening, I m listening
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[Verse 2]
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 Em
To a daughter now it happens too
 G                   D      C
Freshman year, he s waiting in your bed
G          D        C
Suppose to be a friend
Em
You tried to forget the way you felt
                     D       C
You fought, but he forced himself on you
G            D            C
He left you black and blue
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[Chorus]
G Em D G
Sister, why did nobody trust your cries?
Em D C D
Sister, I will listen to you tonight to the truth
G Em D G
Sister, you are braver than you believed
Em D C
Together we will find a way to healing
D Em D Em
I m listening, I m listening

[Bridge]
Em D
And brother, where could you go?
C
Honestly, we don t know what to do
Am
When a teacher takes what he took from you
Em G
And brother, where could you run?
C
Shame turned you silent and made a prison
Am
Could you learn to speak again
C Am
If we were only listening?

[Chorus]
G Em D G
Brother, there is freedom for you to cry
Em D C D
Brother, I will listen to you tonight to the truth
G Em D G
Brother, I pray you can begin to breathe
G Em D C
Brother, please don t, don t be afraid to speak
D Em D Am
I m listening, I m listening,
G C D
I m listening, I m listening

I m listening