

You Were Cool
The Mountain Goats

[Intro]

D A Em G x2

[Verse]

D **A**
This is a song with the same four chords
Em **G**
I use most of the time when I've got something on my mind
D **A**
And I don't want to squander the moment
Em **G**
Trying to come up with a more complicated way to say what I want to say

[Chorus]

D **A**
People were mean to you
Em **G**
but I always thought you were cool
D **A**
clicking down the concrete hallway
Em
with your spiked heels
G
back in high school.

[Instrumental]

D A Em G x2

[Verse]

D **A**
It's good to be young but let's not kid ourselves
Em **G**
It's better to pass on through those years and come out the other side
D **A**
With our hearts still beating
Em **G**
Having stared down demons; come back breathing

[Chorus]

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back in high school.

[Verse]

G **A**
You deserved better than you got
D **G**
Someone s got to say it sometime because it s true.

Em **A**
People should have told you you were awesome,
D **G *****
Instead of taking advantage of you.

D **Em** **A** (half beat only for both Em and A)
I hope you love your life

Em **G**
Like I love mine.

D **A** **Em**
I hope the painful memories only flex their power over you

G
A little of the time.

D **A**
We held onto the hope of better days coming

Em **G**
And when we did we were right.

D **A**
I hope the people who did you wrong

Em **G**
Have trouble sleeping every night.

[Chorus]

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[Outro]

D A Em G x2

*** In the video I transcribed this from, he seems to plays A here. However he sings to a G chord and I think it sounds better.