

**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]

**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.

[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]

**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.

[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.