

**Grin And Bear It**  
**The Strypes**

[Intro] **F#m E**

E	-5-4-2-----2----5-4-2-----5/7-7-5-4-5-4--5-4-2-----2-----
B	-----5-2-5-----5-2-5--  -----5-2-5-----
G	-----  -----4-2--
D	-----  -----4-
A	-----  -----
E	-----  -----

( F#m D E )  
( F#m D E )  
( A )

A                    E                    F#m  
She left the friends she had in school  
                  C#m                    D  
Slipped into the typing pool  
                  E                    A           F#m D E  
Gave herself up to dictation  
A            E                    F#m  
Barely sixteen years of age  
                  C#m                    D  
Taking home a working wage  
                  E                    A  
An envelope of expectation  
D            E  
He was older  
F#m                    A  
He had a car  
D                    E  
The things he told her

F#m            D            E  
Made her feel the part  
A                    E                    F#m  
She took a test when she was late  
                  C#m                    D  
Moved into the new estate

                  E                    A  
Fingers wag behind the curtains  
E                    F#m  
She started out with intentions  
C#m                    F#m  
But life s demands were unrelenting  
D                    E  
To say that words are impotent

D    E    C#m    F#m  
 Is a mouthful in itself, but it fits the bill  
 D    E  
 Resorting to a family phrase  
    F#m   D     E  
 Just grin and bear it  
    F#m   D     E     A  
 Just grin and bear it  
 A    E    F#m  
 She cut her hair and stayed at home  
    C#m    D  
 Did the shopping on her own  
    E    A    F#m   D   E  
 Subsidized by half price tokens  
 A    E    F#m  
 Consoled herself with books on love  
    C#m    D  
 Damp creeps in on the walls above  
    E    A  
 The shower works when it s not broken  
 D    E  
 He put paid  
 F#m    A  
 To her trust  
 D    E  
 Having fun  
    F#m    D    E  
 With boys and toys of lust

E | -5-4-----  
 B | -----7-5-7--5-----5-----  
 G | -----4-6-----777-666-444-222-----  
 D | -----  
 A | -----  
 E | -----

E | -5-4-----10-10-10-999-555-777-----  
 B | -----7-5-7-5-----5-----  
 G | -----4-6-----  
 D | -----  
 A | -----  
 E | -----

( F#m D E )

( F#m D E )

( A )

A    E    F#m  
 And now she s better on her own  
    C#m    D  
 With the soaps and woman s own  
    E    A    F#m   D   E  
 It s been an adult education

A                    E                    F#m  
And he reflects on what he s lost  
                  C#m                    D  
Took a gamble, paid the cost  
                  E                    D E           C#m   F#m  
Sees the kids at graduations  
D    E  
Resorting to a family phrase

                  F#m   D   E  
Just grin and bear it  
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                  F#m   D   E   F#m  
Just grin and bear it