

Telling Stories

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[Intro]

Em

[Verse]

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
There is fiction in the space between lines on a page, a memory
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
Write it down, but it doesn't mean you're not just telling stories

[Instrumental]

Em C G D/F#

Em C G D/F#

[Verse]

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
There is fiction in the space between you and reality
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
You would do and say anything to make your everyday life seem less
mundane
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
There is fiction in the space between you and me.

[Instrumental]

Em C G D/F#

Em C G D/F#

[Verse]

Em **C G** **D/F#**
There's a science fiction in the space between you and me
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
A fabrication, grand scheme. I am the scary monster
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
Need to say it as I leave the scene in my spaceship I am laughing
Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
Your remembrance of a bad dream there's no one but you standing.

[Instrumental]

Em C G D/F#

Em C G D/F#

[Bridge]

D **C** **G**
Feel the pity and the pain for the ones who do not speak
D **C** **Em**
Back the words you get respect and compassion and for posterity
C **Em** **G** **D/F#** **Em**
Spread the words and make believe there is truth in the space between.

[Instrumental]

Em Em Em Em

[Verse]

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
There is fiction in the space between you and everybody

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
Give us all what we need. Give us one more sad, sordid story.

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
In the fiction of the space between sometimes a lie is the best thing

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
sometimes a lie is the best thing

Em **C** **G** **D/F#**
is the best thing

[Outro]

Em