

## Father and Son by Cat Stevens 1970

Steve Georgiou, the pop star had a non-antagonistic loving relationship with his father, a restaurant owner, but wrote this song to tell the story of a father and son in a Russian family during the 1917-1923 Revolution, for a musical show that was not finished.



**VAMP STRUM:** [G] [Gsus4] [G] [Gsus4]

### FATHER VERSE 1:

It's not [G] time to make a [D] change just re[C]lax take it [Am7] easy  
You're still [G] young that's your [Em] fault, there's so [Am] much you have to [D7] know  
Find a [G] girl settle [D] down if you [C] want you can [Am7] marry  
Look at [G] me I am [Em] old but I'm [Am] happy [D7]

I was [G] once like you are [D] now, and I [C] know that it's not [Am7] easy  
To be [G] calm when you've [Em] found something going [Am7] on [D7]  
But take your [G] time think a [D] lot, why think of [C] everything you've [Am7] got  
For you will [G] still be here to[Em]morrow  
But your [C] dreams may [G] not [Gsus4] [G] [Gsus4]

### SON VERSE 1:

How can [G] I try to ex[Bm]plain, when I [C] do he turns a[Am]way again  
It's [G] always been the [Em] same same old [Am] story [D7] from the [G] moment I could [Bm] talk  
I was [C] ordered to [Am] listen, now there's a [G] way and I [Em] know that I [C] have to go a[G]way  
I [D7] know I [C] have to [G] go [Gsus4] [G] [Gsus4]

### FATHER VERSE 2:

It's not [G] time to make a [D] change, just sit [C]down take it [Am7] slowly  
You're still [G] young that's your [Em] fault, there's so [Am] much you have to go [D7] through  
Find a [G] girl settle [D] down if you [C] want you can [Am7] marry  
Look at [G] me I am [Em] old but I'm [Am] happy [D7]

### SON VERSE 2:

All the [G] times that I [Bm] cried, keeping [C] all the things I [Am] knew inside  
It's [G] hard but it's [Em] harder to ig[Am]nore it [D7]  
If they were [G] right I'd a[Bm]gree, but it's [C] them they know not [Am] me now  
There's a [G] way and I [Em] know that I [C] have to go a[G]way.  
I [D7] know I [C] have to [G] go away,  
I [D] know I [C] have to [G] go.

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