English With Purpose

Stop This Train

John Mayer

1. Match the words to their meanings:

a) Colorblind
b) Open mind
c) Length
d) "Tried my hand"
e) Once in a while
f) Safe and sound
g) Old man

( ) Father.
( ) Attempted to do something.
( ) Duration, period.
( ) Every now and then, that happens sometimes.
( ) Someone with no prejudice, who understands everything.
( ) Good and alive.
( ) Someone unable to see colors or differ them.

2. Now use the words to fill in the gaps.

No, I'm not colorblind
I know the _____ is black and white
I try to keep an open mind
But I just can't _____ on this tonight

3. Put the sentences in the correct order:

CHORUS

1 But honestly, won't someone stop this train?
2 I want to get off and go home again
3 Stop this train
4 I know I can't
5 I can't take the speed it's moving in

Don't know how else to say it
I don't want to see my _____ go
One generation's length away
From fighting life out on my own

CHORUS

So scared of getting older
I'm only _____ at being young
So I _____ the numbers game
To find a way to say that life has just begun

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Had a talk with my old man
Said "help me understand"
He said "turn _____, you renegotiate"
"Don't stop this train
Don't for a minute change the place you're in
Don't think I couldn't ever understand, I tried my hand
John, honestly we'll _____ stop this train"

Once in a while, when it's good
It'll feel like it should
And they're all still around
And you're still safe and sound
And you don't miss a thing
Till you cry when you're driving away in the dark

Singing stop this train
I want to get off and go home again
I can't take the speed it's moving in
I know I can't
Cause now I see I will never stop this train

Think about it:

1. What does this song talk about? How does the singer feel?
2. Do you ever feel like that? Have you ever wondered about your life and the way it is taking?
3. What is this "train" he is referring to in the song?

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