

Father and Son / Cat Stevens (Yusuf Islam)

It's not time to make a change

Just relax, take it easy

You're still young, that's your **fault**

There's so much you have to know

Find a girl, **settle down**

If you want you can marry

Look at me, I am old, but I'm happy

I was once like you are now, and I know that it's not easy

To be **calm** when you've found something going on

But take your time, think a lot

Why, think of everything you've got

For you will still be here tomorrow, but your dreams may not

How can I try to explain? 'Cause when I do he turns away again

It's always been the same, same old story

From the moment I could talk I was **ordered** to listen

Now there's a way and I know that I have to go away

I know, I have to go

It's not time to make a change (away, away, away).....

All the times that I cried (stay, stay, stay)

Keeping all the things I knew inside

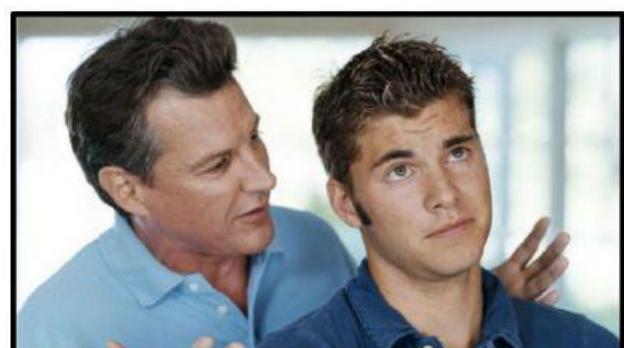
It's hard, but it's harder **to ignore** it (why must you go)

(And make this decision)

If they were right, I'd agree, but it's them they know not me (alone)

Now there's a way and I know that I have to go away

I know I have to go



Answer the questions.

1. How would you describe the father? Support your answer with proof from the text.

2. How would you describe the son? Support your answer with proof from the text.

3. Do you agree with the son? Why?

4. What advice would you give the son if you were there?

5. Write 2 arguments for staying and 2 arguments for leaving.

6. The son left the house. 10 years later he writes a letter to his parents telling them he regrets / is happy with his decision and explains why. Write his letter.
