

## 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

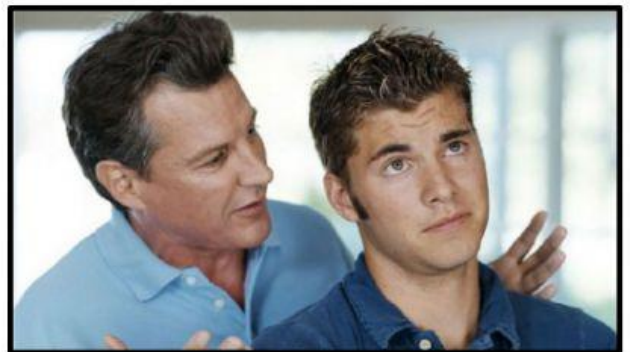
I was once like you are now, and I know that it's not easy  
To be **calm** when you've found something going on  
But take your time, think a lot  
Why, think of everything you've got  
For you will still be here tomorrow, but your dreams may not

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.

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

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3. Do you agree with the son? Why?

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

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

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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.

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