

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

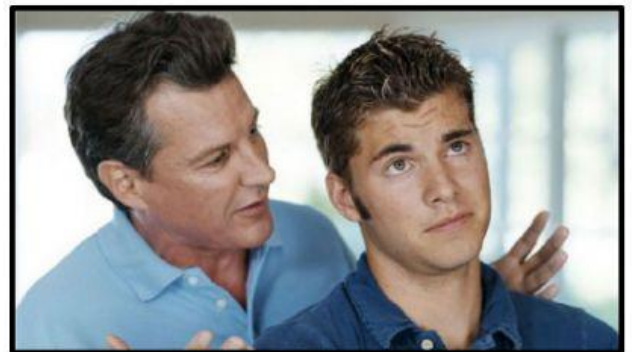
How can I try to explain? 'Cause when I do he turns away again
It's always been the same, same old story
From the moment I could talk I was **ordered** to listen
Now there's a way and I know that I have to go away
I know, I have to go

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.
