

## "Father And Son" – Yusef Islam (Cat Stevens)



### **1. Father:**

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 become when you've found  
Something going on  
But take your time--think a lot  
Think of everything you've got  
For you will still be here tomorrow  
But your dreams may not...

### **3. Father:**

It's not time to make a change  
Just sit down  
Take it slowly  
You're still young--that's your fault  
There's so much you have to go through  
Find a girl, settle down  
If you want, you can marry  
Look at me -- I am old  
But I'm happy.

### **2. Son:**

How can I try to explain?  
Cuz 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...

### **4. Son:**

All the times, that I've cried  
Keeping all the things I knew inside  
It's hard  
But it's harder to ignore it  
  
If they were right--I'd agree  
But it's them they know - not me  
Now there's a way  
And I know  
That I have to go away  
I know, I have to go.

## **Questions and Discussion:**

1. Why does the father want the son to stay?
2. Why do you think the son is leaving?
3. Do children grow up to be just like their parents?
4. Do you think the son will regret his choice?
5. Do you know anyone who went through this same thing?