

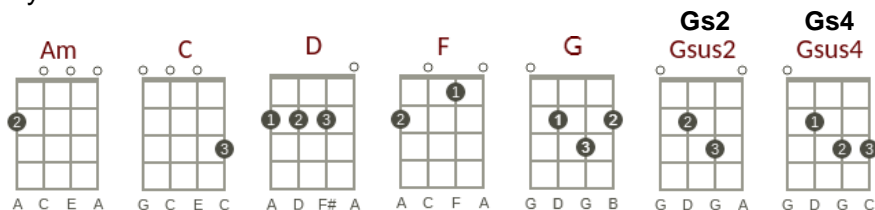
# The Living Years

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Key: G

Time: 4/4

Artists: Mike & the Mechanics



(Strum D Du\_uDu)

Intro: **[G]**// **[Gs2]**// **[Gs4]**// **[G]**// **[G]**// **[Gs2]**// **[Gs4]**// **[G]**//

**[G]** Every generation, **[C]** Blames the one before  
And **[G]** all of their frustrations, come **[C]** beating on your door  
I **[F]** know that I'm a prisoner, to all my Father held so dear  
I **[Am]** know that I'm a hostage, to all his hopes and fears  
I just **[D]** wish I could have told him in the living **[G]** years

Oh, **[G]** crumpled bits of paper, filled **[C]** with imperfect thought  
**[G]** Stilted conversations, I'm a-**[C]**fraid that's all we've got  
You **[F]** say you just don't see it, He says it's perfect sense  
You **[Am]** just can't get agreement, in this present tense  
We all **[D]** talk a different language, Talking in de-**[G]**fence

Say it **[G]** loud (say it loud), say it **[C]** clear (oh say it clear)  
You can **[Am]** listen as **[D]** well as you **[G]** hear  
It's too **[G]** late (it's too late) when we **[C]** die (oh when we die)  
To ad-**[Am]**mit we don't **[D]** see eye to **[G]** eye

So we **[G]** open up a quarrel, between the **[C]** present and the past  
We only **[G]** sacrifice the future, it's the **[C]** bitterness that lasts  
So don't **[F]** yield to the fortunes, you sometimes see as fate  
It may **[Am]** have a new perspective, on a different day  
And if you **[D]** don't give up, and don't give in, you may just be o-**[G]**kay

Say it, Say it **[G]** loud, say it **[C]** clear (oh say it clear)  
You can **[Am]** listen as **[D]** well as you **[G]** hear. Because it's too late,  
It's too **[G]** late (it's too late) When we **[C]** die (oh, when we die)  
To ad-**[Am]**mit we don't **[D]** see eye to **[G]** eye

*(Play softer – quieter solo verse)*

I **[G]** wasn't there that morning, when my **[C]** Father passed away  
I **[G]** didn't get to tell him, all the **[C]** things I had to say  
I **[F]** think I caught his spirit, later that same year  
I'm **[Am]** sure I heard his echo, in my baby's new born tears  
I just **[D]** wish I could have told him in the living **[G]** years

*(Louder)*

Say it, Say it [G] loud, say it [C] clear (oh say it clear)

You can [Am] listen as [D] well as you [G] hear

It's too [G] late (it's too late) when we [C] die (it's too late when we die)

To ad-[Am]mit we don't [D] see eye to [G] eye

So say it, Say it [G] loud (say it loud), Say it [C] clear (come on say it clear)

Say it [G] loud, (Don't give up, don't give in)

Say it [C] clear (Don't look away 'til it's too late)

Say it [G] loud (say it loud, say it loud)

Say it [C]<sup>4</sup> clear [G!]