

You Weren't Around Back Then

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(Capo 4)

V1

C Am
Back in 1887
F G
Back in my youth, you ken
C Am
But oh, I keep forgettin'
F G C
You weren't around back then

I can't believe it's been so long
I still look just the same
No older than I was before
Though paler, to my shame

Chorus

F Am
It's so hard to remember
F G Am
Not all of us are old
F G Am
You're a young'un still, with a forceful will
F G
So young, so proud, so bold
F Am
Your youth will last forever
F G Am
You will never, ever age
F G Am
But that is hardly comfort
F G C
When you'll be a youthful sage

V2

Six score and ten, the years have been
Since I was young, 'tis true
I see myself within your eyes
I once was just like you

So let me tell you what's in store
To prepare you for your role
You cannot go back to your life
Or death will claim your soul

Chorus

V3

You will never, ever marry
Your loves will all grow old
You'll change your name and move away
So suspicions won't take hold

Happiness is fleeting
You'll watch your family die
Find others who are like us
With them does your future lie

Chorus

V4

Hide in darkest places
And sleep in darkest sway
You will never see the sunlight
Or the dawning of the day

Now you must take my counsel
Never go into the light
You must remember always
We are creatures of the night

Chorus

Outtro

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F G C
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