

## Away When You Were Here

Ben Folds Five

Dad I know you were sad when you died  
And I was young it's the way I kept you in my mind  
The mess that was left and my mother cried  
And when she stood up she was nobody's mother  
I'd be fine

But I missed you then  
And I miss you now  
Liked you'd missed things I might say  
You're still lost in clouds but I'm older now  
I can see through lifting haze  
That you were away even when you were here

Sometimes a phrase or a manner that's you  
Comes through me, it goes in a flash  
It's a frame, it's a blink like life  
Oh and how much now should we pay for the past  
Cause you could age with grace if I freed you in my mind

But I loved you then  
And I love you now  
All the things I wished I'd asked  
When I'm lost in clouds  
I remember how I was robbed and I was blessed  
And you were away even when you were here

Cause it's not about you, not you, anymore  
It's about what I'd do with it all  
And I, I'll never let you let me down

This morning I wake to be older than you were  
Flash I'll smell for miles, every footstep would be mine

You'd have lost that weight, you'd have gone so straight  
You'd have made my wedding day  
You'd have saved my youth from that point of truth  
You'd have kept those wolves at bay  
But you were away, you were away even when you were here