

# FOR ABSENT FRIENDS

As recorded by Genesis

(From the 1972 Album NURSERY CRIME)

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♩ = 70  
A7sus4 Em/G A7sus4 D A/D# B/D

Gtr I

Sunday at six when they close both the

T	3 2 3 0 2 0 3 2	5 7 7 5 7 7 5 5 5 5 5 3 5 5 3 5 5
A	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 7 7 7 7 6 5 6 0 5 5 5
B	0 0 0 0	0 4

G/D Em7 A7

gates a widow pair still sitting there

T	3 3 5 2	0 3 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2
A	4 0	0 2 2 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2
B	0	0 2 2 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

G G5 A D A/D# B/D

wonder if they're late for church and it's cold so they fasten their

T	0 2 0 3 2 3	5 7 7 5 7 7 5 5 5 5 5 3 5 5 5 3 5 5 5
A	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 7 7 7 7 6 5 6 5 6 5 5 5 5 5
B	0 3 0	0 4 0

G/D Em7 A7

coats and cross the grass they're always last

T	3 3 5 2	0 3 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2
A	4 0	0 2 2 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2
B	0	0 2 2 0 3 0 3 5 2	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

A7/D G/C

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passing by the padlocked swings the

T 9 10 12 10 9 10 10 9 10 10 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

A 0 12 0 12 0 12 10 | 3 4 5 4 3 4 3 4 5 4 3

B 0 | 3 5 3 5

F#/B B B7

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roundabout still turning ahead the see a small girl on her

T 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | 2 4 4 2 4 4 2 4 2 4 2 4

A 2 3 4 3 2 3 4 3 | 4 4 4 4 2 4 2 4 2 4

B 2 | 2 2

E7 A7sus4 G

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way home with a pram

T 3 0 3 0 | 2 3 2 0

A 0 1 3 0 | 0 0 0 0

B 0 2 0 | 0 2 0 0

A7sus4 Em/G A7sus4 D A/D# B/D

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inside the archway the priest greets them

T 2 3 2 3 2 0 2 0 | 5 7 7 5 7 7 5 5 5 5 3 5 5 3 5 5

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 7 7 7 7 7 6 5 5 6 5 5 5 5

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

G/D Em7 A7

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with a courteous nod he's close to God

T 3 3 5 2 | 0 3 0 3 5 2 | 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

A 4 3 5 2 | 0 3 0 3 5 2 | 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

B 0 | 0 2 2 0 3 0 3 5 2 | 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

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G G5 A D A/D# B/D

looking back at days of four instead of two years seem so

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G/D Em7 A7

few , head bent in prayer for friends not there

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A7/D G/C

leaving two pence on the plate they

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F#/B B B7

hurry down the path and out the gate and wait to board the bus that

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E7 G A7sus4 Em/G A7sus4 D5

ambles down the street