

# Methusela

The Smashing Pumpkins

What'd your father say to you  
When he reached right through you?  
Did he say the things that he had learned  
From his father, too?  
So when do you become your own you  
Become your own you?  
Or are you just a shadow of something new

We are Chinese boxes  
Equal parts present and past  
Where do I begin and end up?  
Saw those old eyes staring right back at me

So tell me what you need  
I'll be watching out for you  
There are no enemies  
Only dangerous friends  
You grew up very fast  
I didn't think I'd miss a thing  
'Cause nothing ever lasts

A wise old man  
A wise young fool  
A wise young man  
A wise old fool

Try to understand  
(A wise old man, a wise young fool)  
(Notice me, comfort me, understand me)  
Just try to understand  
(A wise old man, a wise young fool)  
(Notice me, comfort me, understand me)

What'd your father say to you  
To turn you cold?  
Father never quite grew up  
He just grew old  
And if I was to say to you  
You know I love him still  
Would you think less of me  
For hating me?

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Equal parts present and past  
We are so unconscious  
Saw those old eyes staring right back at me

So try to understand  
I'm just like you, and you me  
Exactly who I am  
Might escape you always  
The fortunes of a man  
Are the debts of the son, always

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