

S.M. has written several "Lifespan" songs (songs that get their meaning from the age of the person singing the song). This is the only Lifespan song in the "Slivers of Light" collection. It is actually quite simple but appears long because each progressively older singer gets a verse notated a semitone lower.

17. Taking Care of Mom and Dad

(From "Slivers of Light")

Secretary Michael

CHILD'S VERSE

♩=108

C F B E

(instrumental lead-in)

5 B E B

Some-times when they're mo - ving slow, _____ feel - ing a _____

10 E B D#m E D#m

lit - tle low. _____ I know just what to do. _____ I know how to get through.

16 E C#m F# C#m F#7

_____ And in a lit-tle while, _____ I can get them both to _____ smile, smile, smile! I'm

21 B E B E

tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. _____ I'm tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. _____

25 C#m F# C#m F#7

Best job I've e-ver had. _____ Al-ways makes me feel so _____ glad, glad, glad! I'm

29 B E B E

tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. _____ I'm tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. _____

33 C#m F# D# G#m

Best job I've e-ver had. Al-ways makes me feel glad. I'm

37 E (sing as written or speak with lowest possible voice) G

tak-in' care of Mom (and tak-in' care of Dad) I'm tak-in' care of Mom (and

40 C#m F#7

tak-in' care of Dad) I'm tak-in' care of Mom and

43 B E Bb Eb

Dad. (instrumental lead-in)

YOUNG ADULT VERSE

47 Bb Eb Bb

Old-er than they were be-fore, now they need me

52 Eb Bb Dm Eb

more and more. Get-ting things at the stores,

57 Dm Eb Cm F

help-ing out with the chores, these are the prac-ti-cal ways.

61 Cm F7 Bb Eb

I can tell them "Thank You" e-v'ry-day! I'm tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. I'm

65 Bb Eb Cm F

tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. Best job I've e-ver had.

69 Cm F7 Bb

Al-ways makes me feel so glad, glad, glad! I'm tak - in' care of Mom and Dad.

72 Eb Bb Eb

I'm tak - in' care of Mom and Dad.

75 Cm F D Gm

Best job I've e - ver had. Al - ways makes me feel glad. I'm

79 Eb Gb

tak - in' care of Mom (and tak - in' care of Dad) I'm tak - in' care of Mom (and

82 Cm F7

tak - in' care of Dad) I'm tak - in' care of Mom and

85 Bb Eb A D

Dad. (instrumental lead-in)

SENIOR VERSE

89 A D A

Now that Mom and Dad are gone, my job is to

94 D A C#m D C#m

car - ry on. By the way that I live, by the hope that I give,

100 D Bm E Bm E7
 — by the things that I say, — I still bring them ho-nor e-v'ry-day. I'm

105 A D A D
 tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. — I'm tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. —

109 Bm E Bm E7
 Best job I've e-ver had. — Al-ways makes me feel so — glad, glad, glad! We're

ALL VOICES

113 A D A D
 tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. — We're tak-in' care of Mom and Dad. —

117 Bm E C# F#m
 Best job we've e-ver had. — Al-ways makes us feel glad. — We're

121 D F
 tak-in' care of Mom (and tak-in' care of Dad) We're tak-in' care of Mom (and

124 Bm E7
 tak-in' care of Dad) We're tak-in' care of Mom and

127 A D A D A
 Dad.