

Family Portrait

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Mama please stop cryin'
I can't stand the sound
Your pain is painful
And it's tearin' me down I hear glasses breakin'
As I sit up in my bed
I told Dad you didn't mean
Those nasty things you said You fight about money
'Bout me and my brother
And this I come home to
This is my shelter It ain't easy, growin' up in World War III
Never knowin' what love could be
You'll see, I don't want love to destroy me
Like it has done my family Can we work it out?
(Can we?)
Can we be a family?
(Can we?)
I promise I'll be better
(I promise)
Mommy, I'll do anything
(I'll do anything) Can we work it out?
Can we be a family?
I promise I'll be better
Daddy, please don't leave Daddy please stop yelling
(Stop)
I can't stand the sound
(Can't stand the sound)
Make Mama stop cryin'
'Cause I need you around My mama, she loves you
(I know it)
No matter what she says is true
I know that she hurts you
But remember I love you too I ran away today
Ran from the noise, ran away
(Ran away)
Don't wanna go back to that place
But don't have no choice, no way It ain't easy growin' up in World War III
Never knowin' what love could be
That I've seen, I don't want love to destroy me
(I don't want love to destroy me)

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(Can we work it?)
Can we be a family?
I promise I'll be better
(I promise I'll do anything)
Mommy, I'll do anything
(To keep you better) Can we work it out?
Can we be a family?
I promise I'll be better
(I promise, I promise)
Daddy, please don't leave
(Stay) In our family portrait
(In our family portrait)
We look pretty happy
(We look pretty happy)
Let's play pretend
(Let's play pretend)
Let's act like it comes naturally
(That's right)
(That's right) I don't wanna have to split the holidays
(No, no)
I don't want two addresses
(No)
I don't want a stepbrother anyways
And I don't want my Mommy
Have to change her last name! In our family portrait
We look pretty happy
We look pretty normal
Let's go back to that In our family portrait
We look pretty happy
Let's play pretend
Act like it goes naturally In our family portrait
(Can we work it out?)
We look pretty happy
(Can we be a family?)
We look pretty normal
(I promise I'll be better)
Let's go back to that
(Mommy I'll do anything) In our family portrait
(Can we work it out?)
We look pretty happy
(Can we be a family?)
Let's play pretend
(I promise I'll be better)
Act like it goes naturally

(Daddy please don't leave)
Oh let's go back oh lets go back to thatIn our family portrait
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