

# Family Portrait

## Ben Cooper

Mama please stop cryin'  
I can't stand the sound  
Your pain is painful  
And it's tearin' me downI hear glasses breakin'  
As I sit up in my bed  
I told Dad you didn't mean  
Those nasty things you saidYou fight about money  
'Bout me and my brother  
And this I come home to  
This is my shelterIt 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 familyCan 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 leaveDaddy please stop yelling  
(Stop)  
I can't stand the sound  
(Can't stand the sound)  
Make Mama stop cryin'  
'Cause I need you aroundMy 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 tooI 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 wayIt 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)

Like it did my family  
Can we work it out?  
(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

(Can we work it out?)

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(Can we be a family?)

We look pretty normal

(I promise I'll be better)

Lets go back to that

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