

Years Long Ago

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F#m Bsus2
If we return to the places we lived in before
F#m Bsus2
If we turn from all that we've gained
F#m Bsus2
If we lived out a life that we struggled to change
F#m
Just to turn back the calendar page
D E
Then we'd see that our memory betrayed us
A Bm7
We'd see what had frightened us so
D E
We'd hear all the voices that fall silent now
A C#7 F#m Bsus2 F#m Bsus2
Pieces of years long ago

F#m Bsus2
Some people say if you live in the past
F#m Bsus2
It'll make sight much clearer today
F#m Bsus2
The turning and churning of gears in their heads
F#m
Squeaking from rust and decay
D E A Bm7
Then tomorrow is just incidental, awful, deliberate and slow
D E
Turning alone like a clock on a shelf
A C#7 F#m
Backward to years long ago

E D F#m
E D A

F#m Bsus2
I cannot live in the past anymore
F#m Bsus2
No need to understand why
F#m Bsus2
The smile on your face blows the vacuum away
F#m
Gone with the wink of your eye
D E
Can we rearrange furniture sleeping
A Bm7
Grab hold and never let go
D E
Buy some news shoes and walk, you and me
A C#7 F#m
Away from the years long ago

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Note: the original has a capo on the second fret, so in that mode, the song would be Em – Asus2, etc.