

These three words

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Toonsoort G
67 BPM in 4/4

Intro

(rhodes / real e piano)

| G^{sus2} D/F# | E^m D^m | C^{maj7} B^{m7} | A^{m7} D¹¹ D⁷ |

Verse 1

G D/F#

When was the last time

E^m D^m

That they heard you say

C^{maj7} B^{m7} D¹¹ D⁷

"Mother or father, I love you"?

G D/F#

And when was the last time

E^m D^m

That they heard you say

C^{maj7} B^{m7} D¹¹ D⁷

"Daughter or son, I love you"?

E^m D^m/F

Ones you say you cherish every day

C/G A^{m7} b5

Can instantly be taken away

E/B C#^{m7}

Then you'd say "I know this can't be true"

A^{m7}

When you never took the time

D¹¹

To simply tell them "I love you"

Verse 2

G D/F#

When was the last time

E^m D^m

That they heard you say

C^{maj7} B^{m7} D¹¹ D⁷

"Sister or brother, I love you"?

G D/F#
And when was the last time
Em E b m7 Dm
That they heard you say
Cmaj7 Bm7 D11 D7
"Darling or best friend, I love you"?

Em Dm/F
The one for whom you'd give your very life
C/G Am7 b 5
Could be taken in the twinkling of an eye
E/B C#m7
Through your tears you'd ask "Why did you go?"
Am7
Knowing you didn't always show
D11
Just how much you loved them so

Chorus

Am7 Bm7 E11
These three words
E11 Gmaj9 Am7
Sweet and simple
Am7 Bm7 E11
These three words
E11 Gmaj9 Am7
Short and kind
Am7 Bm7 E11
These three words
E11 Gmaj9 Am7
Al- ways kindle

D11 E7sus4
An aching heart to smile inside

Bridge

E7
I know a family
Am7
Who hasn't a cent to their name

F#7sus4 F#7
 And yet the joy and love they have between them
Bm7
 They always claim
E7sus4
 And when one's called from life
A7
 The survived mourn the lost
Dmaj79
 And will never be the same
Bm7
 Yet they rejoice
E11 A7
 In knowing they gave them their all
D11 E11

(modulation)

Chorus

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(Guitar solo)

Bm7 C#m7 F#11
F#11 Amaj9 Bm7
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