

## Brother Ali "Years"

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(verse 1)

a bottle of wine and two glasses  
potato salad and that old picnic basket  
sunday afternoon spread a blanket for so many years  
that we tend to lose track of it  
those years turn dreams into memories  
much oblige for every one you spent with me  
cant believe the kids that were at our feet all moved out  
and began their own family  
it still feels like just yesterday  
i stood in that mirror practicin' what to say  
just know when i live for the moment  
my eyes glowed, held out my hand and felt yours on it  
you dont know the power a touch like that  
you have on a lovestruck lad  
everything i ever used to care about fade to the back  
i feel that way to this day, matter of fact

(chorus)

laughter and tears we had through the years  
like magnets, attract without fear  
the sun ..light that magically appeared  
i recall it all and i'm glad that you're here

laughter and tears we had through the years  
the feeling of companion is near  
the first touch, that cant be compared  
i recall and i'm glad that you're here

(verse 2)

that old tree witnessed the first love we made  
i pulled out my pocket knife, gave it my name  
but like all trees, he went and grew rings and that  
carving got harder to read from far away  
and the stress of this world, it pressed you  
made you forget you possessed something special  
and all of this mess, you tended to neglect the blessing  
that slept directly next to you  
so i'm painfully ignored by a girl masquerading as the  
lady i adore  
and even though i lived as your husband  
i cant help missin' the kiss i fell in love with

what was once huggin' and kissin'  
one day made way to fussin' and bickerin'  
now cussin' and no one's listenin'  
lost all grip on love in the midst of it

(chorus)

laughter and tears we had through the years  
the challenges you have interfere  
the heartbreak and anguish we shared  
i recall it all and i'm glad that you're here

laughter and tears we had through the years  
we snapped and reacted out of fear  
broken promises can't be repaired  
i recall it all and i'm glad that you're here

(verse 3)

those things that we say when we argue  
never go away, they become part of you  
furthermore with every new scar it grew ever harder to  
open my heart to you  
i need you to believe me when i tell you that  
i didn't step out on you to get you back  
i was just hungry for affection that the first time  
another gave attention, i was in the trap  
i let her stand in for you  
trying to recapture the magic that i knew  
thats why i fell for it because  
when she held me in her arms, i pretended they were  
yours  
i dont fault you for being mad at me  
we were a family, i put you through a tragedy  
can't blame you for losing sanity  
rolling me over in my sleep and stabbing me

(chorus)

laughter and tears we had through the years  
everytime our anniversary nears  
you show up with a picnic basket and a beer  
i recall it all and i'm glad that you're here

laughter and tears we had, it appears  
the best talks i've had with you in years  
are right here where you laid my casket my dear  
i'll save you a place and catch you when you're here

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