

## Jeffery Steele "Twenty Years Ago"

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20 years ago  
Jeffrey Steele

I was at that smart ass time of my life  
I'd pick a fight just to pick a fight  
He said black I said white  
If he took one side I took the other side  
Dinner table we sat around was  
More like a battleground  
Where I lost more times than I won  
Wouldn't learn til later on  
He was always preachin about his past  
I just kept screamin' come on dad

That was 20 years ago you don't know me at all  
Trying to talk to you is like talking to a wall  
Yea you gave me my life but its my life to live  
And maybe I don't wanna live it like you did  
20 years ago

He was built from blue collar sweat and blood  
Square jaw and a crew cut a purple heart a Viet vet  
And he'd tell you every chance he'd get  
Always runnin' down my rock & roll  
My friends, my hair, and my clothes  
Til it all got out of control  
And one night it finally came to blows  
That was just enough to get me gone  
I couldn't wait to prove him wrong

20 years ago I struck out on my own  
He couldn't tell me nothin'  
I didn't already know  
Yea I was on my way  
So what the hell did I care  
With my old man and his gray hair  
Thought about the road I chose  
20 years ago

(spoken)  
I left as fast as the leaves fell that autum I never looked  
back and I never once called him

But every time I talked to moma I wondered if he was  
there  
Or if he even cared I figured I walked out on him and  
the course of our love  
Had run moma said no no you listen to me son he's a  
stubborn man and he won't give in  
He believes what he believes and you're just like him  
And I could tell by her voice there was something  
wrong she broke down  
and said he ain't got long So I caught the next plane  
home thought about all the years gone And how my  
pride had let so much  
time go by ran up those stairs and I stood by his bed  
and cried

20 years ago I thought I knew it all  
but tryin to talk to me is like talking to a wall  
Yea thought I was a man but actin' like I did  
But all I want right now is just to be your kid  
And just before my dad gave up the ghost  
He took my hand and said son let it go  
That was 20 years ago  
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