

Mother on the Phone
by ET and the Boy
Capo +1

Chords (verse): *C em F G | F G F G | C em F G | F G F G |*
Chords (chorus): *C F G F | C F G F | am F G F | C F G F |*
Chords (modified verse): *C em F G | F C G | C em F G | F C G |*

Verse:

Marta wakes at six each morning, rides a bus 'cross town
To stand behind a register all day
Sometimes if she's early she stops in at the gas station
To buy a cup of coffee with her hard-earned pay

Chorus:

And she is holding someone's work in this awful cup of coffee
Someone's time they could have used to eat a pear or write a poem
Teach their kid to skip a stone, go out for a walk alone
Hear their lover softly moan, call their mother on the phone

Verse:

Mike sleeps through the afternoon, then drives for half an hour
Each night he's cleaning silent rooms alone
As he drives home through the dawn his fingers turn the radio on
To keep him company 'til he gets home

Chorus:

He knows he's burning someone's work in the gas tank of his old car
Someone's time they could have used to eat a pear or write a poem
Teach their kid to skip a stone, go out for a walk alone
Hear their lover softly moan, call their mother on the phone

Modified verse:

Nice to know we think we owe each other something more than just be born
I couldn't make it without you
But I'm still waiting for the day when we all get to have a say
In what we work our lives away to do

Chorus:

I know I'm buying someone's work with the spending of my paycheck
Someone's time they could have used to eat a pear or write a poem
Teach their kid to skip a stone, go out for a walk alone
Hear their lover softly moan, call their mother on the phone