

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

A (Capo 2) and G ; 4/4; (2/8/09)

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INTRO: Instrumental Riff - Verse -

Verse 1:

My grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf so it stood ninety years on the floor.
It was taller by half than the old man himself though it weighed not a penny's weight more.
It was built on the morn that my grandpa was born and was always his treasure and pride.
But it stopped short never to go a-gain when the old man died.

Chorus:

Ninety years without slumbering ~ Tick-tock ~ Tick-tock ~
His life's seconds numbering ~ Tick-tock ~ Tick-tock ~ TICK
But it stopped short never to go a-gain when the old ~ man ~ died.

Verse 2:

At watching its pendulum swing to and fro many hours he had spent as a boy.
As he grew into manhood the clock seemed to know for it shared every sorrow and joy.
And it struck twenty four as he entered the door with his beautiful and blushing bride.
But it stopped short never to go a-gain when the old man died.

BREAK: Instrumental Riff - Chorus -

Verse 3:

My grandfather said that of those he could hire not a servant so faithful he'd found.
For it wasted no time and it had but one de-sire at the close of each week to be wound.
Yes it kept in its place not a frown upon its face and its hands never hung by its side.
But it stopped short never to go a-gain when the old man died.

BREAK: Instrumental Riff - Chorus -

Verse 4:

Then it rang an a-larm in the dead of the night an a-larm that for years had been dumb.
And we knew that his spirit was pluming for flight that his hour for departure had come.
The clock kept in time with a soft and muted chime as we stood there and watched by his side
But it stopped short never to go a-gain when the old man died.

Chorus: