

Telling Stories - Tracy Chapman (2000)

[Intro] **Em** | | | |
(alternately double pick/strum E string
and D string)

[Verse 1]

Em **C**
There is fiction in the space between
G **D6/F#**
The lines on your page of memories
Em **C**
Write it down, but it doesn't mean
G **D6/F#**
You're not just telling stories

[Instrumental] **Em C G D6/F#** (2x)

[Verse 2]

Em **C**
There is fiction in the space between
G **D6/F#**
You and reality
Em **C**
You would do and say anything
G
To make your everyday life
D6/F#
seem less mundane
Em **C**
There is fiction in the space between
G **D6/F#**
You and me

[Instrumental]
Em C G D6/F# (2x)

[Verse 3]

Em
There's a science fiction
C
in the space between
G **D6/F#**
You and me
Em **C**
A fabrication of a grand scheme
G **D6/F#**
Where I am the scary monster
Em **C**
I need to say it as I leave the scene
G **D6/F#**
In my spaceship I am laughing

Em **C**
In your remembrance of your bad dream
G **D6/F#**
There's no one but you standing

[Instrumental] **Em C G D6/F#** (2x)

[Bridge]

D
Leave the pity and the pain
C **G**
for the ones who do not speak
D
You write the words to get respect
C **G**
and compassion and for posterity
C **Em**
You write the words and make believe
G* **D*** **Em***
there is truth in the space between

[Repeat Intro]

[Verse 4]

Em **C**
There is fiction in the space between
G **D6/F#**
You and everybody
Em **C**
Give us all what we need
G **D6/F#**
Give us one more sad, sordid story
Em **C**
In the fiction of the space between
G **D6/F#***
Sometimes a lie
Em **C**
is the best thing
G **D6/F#***
Sometimes a lie
Em C G D6/F#
is the best thing
Em C G D6/F#
Oh, best thing
Em C G D6/F#
Is the best thing

[Outro]
Em C G D6/F#
[Repeat Intro]

* Single strum