

Old Friends/Bookends

Words & Music:
Paul Simon

GM7 DM7 GM7 DM7 Em7 A7 D Bm
Old friends, old friends sat on their park bench like bookends.
Em7 A Bm
A newspaper blown through the grass falls on the round toes
DM7 G D6 GM7 DM7
Of the high shoes of the old friends.

Old friends, winter companions the old men.
Lost in their overcoats, waiting for the sunset.
The sounds of the city sifting through trees
Settle like dust on the shoulders of the old friends.

Em7 A7 DM7
Can you imagine us years from today,
G Gm D
Sharing a park bench quietly?
Em7 A7 Bm
How terribly strange to be seventy.

GM7 DM7
Old friends.
Em7 A7 GM7 DM7
Memory brushes the same years.
Em7 A7 D6 Bm GM7 DM7 GM7 DM7
Silently sharing the same fears.

Em D
Time it was and what it is, it was...
D G D
A time of innocence -- a time of confidences.
Em D
Long ago... it must be... I have a photograph.
D Em G D
Preserve your memories, they're all that's left you.

Bookends tab by Sam Bowman

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Repeat for verses...

Time it was and what a time it was it was
 A time of innocence, a time of confidences.
 Long ago it must be, I have a photograph.
 Preserve your memories, they're all that's left you...

Begin again with new fourth measure...

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Play to end...