

SONG TITLE

The Stolen Years written by Lily Amis

Lyrics: Lily Amis

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It was the first day of December
It was a day that I'll always remember
I went into a library to get myself a read about history
When a book title caught my attention
The Stolen Years in Zurich

An hour later back at home, I snuggled in my comfy bed
And read with a woman's voice back in my head
Hours later, emotionally exhausted and sad
I fell into sleep and there she was, Lily Amis
The writer of The Stolen Years
She whispered in my ears and said

Time goes by faster than you think
Day by day and year by year
Page by page, chapter by chapter
Never forget it's your book, it's your story
Don't wanna allow wannabe Ghostwriters to take control
Rewrite, edit, and still away your glory
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With only two suitcases and supplies of hope
Mum and I left grandparents, and war behind
Stead of experiencing justice and liberty
Finding a new homeland future and dignity
We were rejected, punished for years, Oh, it was
Fifteen years of humiliation and shame

I wish I could turn back the time, wash away the pain
Surviving without the chance to breathe freely
Struggling without the opportunity to integrate fully

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I wish I could turn back the time, rewrite some chapters
Relive, replace and remove some evil characters
The only solution to escape my hopeless story
Was marrying the wrong man for the wrong reason
Which has stolen too many precious season
Such a sacrifice for nothing but a piece of paper, paper

Fifteen years of fear and loneliness
They truly did everything to still away our precious years
And yet, mum and I survived the stolen years, stolen years

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Four nor five stars reviews matter
Make sure you only live bestselling chapters
We're no longer fictional characters
We write the final draft and take control
Of all, our next chapters
This is our life, oh!
This is our time, oh!
This is my voice, yeah yeah
The next day, I gave Lily's book back to my library
And treasured her precious words in my memory
Tiktok, Tiktok, Tiktok

SONG METADATA

Title: The Stolen Years

Lyrics: Lily Amis

feat. Artist: Thir13een

Language(s): English

Genre: Pop / Protest Pop / Storytelling Ballad

Tempo (BPM): ~117

Key: G minor (emotional, dramatic)

Instruments: Male vocal, Piano, Bass, Drums, Strings, Guitar, Pads, Synths

Mood/Keywords: emotional, dramatic, storytelling, protest, cinematic, heartfelt, resilient, reflective

Sounds Like (reference artists): Sam Smith, Hozier, James Blunt

Sync Potential: *"A storytelling pop ballad inspired by Lily Amis' book The Stolen Years - emotional male vocals and cinematic instrumentation make it perfect for dramas, migration stories, and reflective documentaries."*

- **TV/Film:** dramas about migration, survival, injustice, or family resilience
- **Documentaries:** exile, refugees, personal survival stories, social justice issues
- **Commercials/Campaigns:** NGOs, human rights, anti-discrimination campaigns
- **Events:** Human Rights Day, Refugee Awareness events, Exile/Survival storytelling

Occasions: Human Rights Day, World Refugee Day, Migration Documentaries, Exile/Refugee Awareness

Cultural Highlight: Lyrics directly tie into Lily Amis' autobiographical book *The Stolen Years*, adding depth and authenticity to themes of exile, resilience, and survival.

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