

## I'm Listening

Tenth Avenue North

Why didn't anyone believe  
A single word when you said it was  
It was your father's friend?  
Yeah, only 14, life goes on  
Who knows, you prob'ly brought this on yourself  
It's better not to tell

Mother, mother, how many tears have you cried?  
Mother, mother, I will listen to you tonight to the truth  
Mother, how many years before you could breathe?  
Mother, I won't turn away when you speak  
I'm listening, I'm listening

To a daughter now it happens too  
Freshman year, he's waiting in your bed  
Suppose to be a friend  
You tried to forget the way you felt  
You fought, but he forced himself on you  
He left you black and blue

Sister, why did nobody trust your cries?  
Sister, I will listen to you tonight to the truth  
Sister, you are braver than you believed  
Together we will find a way to healing  
I'm listening, I'm listening

And brother, where could you go?  
Honestly, we don't know what to do  
When a teacher takes what he took from you  
And brother, where could you run?  
Shame to the silent and made a prison  
Could you learn to speak again  
If we were only listening?

Brother, there is freedom for you to cry  
Brother, I will listen to you tonight to the truth  
Brother, I pray you can begin to breathe  
Brother, please don't be afraid to speak  
I'm listening, I'm listening, oh  
I'm listening, I'm listening  
I'm listening