

A Beginning

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MATT

Fourteen years old and starting high school
The same old guys I knew last year
A little scared, a bit excited
Who knows what's gonna happen here?

Try for the team and make the offense
A little victory I can hold
And then I'm right back where I started
To try again and get that gold

Nothing could destroy this cloud
For years I've been behind the scenes
Just another face in the crowd
This is a beginning

LAYLA

My sophomore year, try for the school play
A brand new job and getting paid
Got some new friends and they're much better
Just try to rain on my parade

MATT, LAYLA

Something new is starting here
Like nothing that I've ever seen
Now that I've got you with me this year
This is a beginning

MARNIE

Don't look up, don't speak out
Don't even look in their eyes
They do not like you
Why should you give them the prize of a reaction
Don't give that privilege away
It's not like they would care anyway

JEAN

What can I do?
What can I say?
Why do I feel these things and act this way?
I'm breaking out
I'm caving in
I thought this was a beginning

JACE

You would have wanted me to fight
But I can't handle that today
I'm not like you were, loud and bright
So why should I?

MATT

Why should I?

LAYLA, MARNIE

Why should I?

JEAN, ENSEMBLE

Why should I?

Four years of hell, all in one building
Free trial pre-game to real life
Two thousand kids, scared, mad and sweaty
I gotta believe we'll be alright

Got eight classes, seven days
Six more hours of hell to pay
Five more minutes for more sleep
I didn't think, I didn't think

Got eight classes, seven days
Six more hours of hell to pay
Five more minutes for more sleep
I've gotta make it through this week

Thirteen years of nonstop stress
Must do better, must progress
Roll a one and hide distress
You've gotta keep it rolling

Start the countdown, graduate
Then to college, don't dare wait
Don't slack off or take a break
You gotta keep it rolling

'Cause this is the beginning
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