

3. Are You Listening?

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Maybe it's Murphy's Law that kids and parents have trouble hearing each other when it's wanted, but have perfect hearing when it's not! Kyra Reumann-Moore did an excellent job singing the part of the kid on the recording of this one, which has a Motown feel.

(Verse 1 - Mom:)

When I call for you, your head is in a book
I'm standing right there, but you never even look
And when it's time to eat, you say you're coming down
But 20 minutes later you're still not around

(Chorus:)

Do you see me?
Are you listening?
When I talk to you
Do you hear anything?
And I wonder
Should I talk at all
Would you notice me
If I didn't call....you

(Verse 2 - Kid:)

When I want to talk you're always on the phone
When I'm standing there, I feel like I'm alone
And when I need your help, you're always going out
You don't have time for me and it makes me want to shout

(Chorus)

(Bridge - Together:)

When I want your attention
It's like talking to a wall
But when I'm whispering, telling secrets
Suddenly you hear it all

(Verse 3 - Mom:)

I'm talking to your Dad about our plans
About the trip we'll take to the sun and sand
Then you appear, and shout with glee
"Where are you going? Are you taking me?"

(Chorus 2:)

Did you see me?
Were you listening?
I wasn't talking to you
Did you hear everything?
And I wonder
What's the point at all
Did you listen in
When I didn't call....you

(Verse 4 - Kid:)

I'm talking to my sister (brother) when we're in bed
I begin to laugh at something she (he) said

Then I hear the door and it opens with a creak
"You say knock it off ! It's time to go to sleep!"

(Chorus 2)

(Chorus - w/descant:) You don't listen to me
when I try to talk to you.
Why don't you hear me?

(Tag - Together:)

We're both saying the same thing:
Please listen, but don't listen in (3x)