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If I were a Boy
By Beyoncé

If I were a boy even just for a day
I'd roll out of bed in the morning
And throw on what I wanted
And go drink beer with the guys

And chase after girls
I'd kick it with who I wanted
And I'd never get confronted for it
'Cause they stick up for me

If I were a boy
I think I could understand
How it feels to love a girl
I swear I'd be a better man

I'd listen to her
'Cause I know how it hurts
When you lose the one you wanted
'Cause he's taking you for granted
And everything you had got destroyed

If I were a boy
I would turn off my phone
Tell everyone it's broken
So they'd think that I was sleeping alone

I'd put myself first
And make the rules as I go
'Cause I know that she'd be faithful
Waiting for me to come home, to come home

If I were a boy
I think I could understand
How it feels to love a girl
I swear I'd be a better man

I'd listen to her
'Cause I know how it hurts
When you lose the one you wanted
'Cause he's taking you for granted
And everything you had got destroyed

It's a little too late for you to come back
Say it's just a mistake
Think I'd forgive you like that
If you thought I would wait for you
You thought wrong

But you're just a boy
You don't understand
And you don't understand, oh
How it feels to love a girl
Someday you wish you were a better man

You don't listen to her
You don't care how it hurts
Until you lose the one you wanted
'Cause you're taking her for granted
And everything you had got destroyed
But you're just a boy

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1. Listen to the first part of the song and fill in the blanks with the words in the box

chase, confronted, day, girls, stick up, beer, chase, bed, wanted

If I were a boy
Even just for a _____
I'd roll out of _____ in the morning
And throw on what I _____ and go
Drink _____ with the guys
And _____ after girls
I'd kick it with who I _____
And I'd never get _____ for it
Because they'd _____ for me.

2. Put the verses in the right order

If I were a boy
I swear I'd be a better man
When you loose the one you wanted
And everything you had got destroyed!
Cause he's taken you for granted
Cause I know how it hurts
How it feels to love a girl
I'd listen to her
I think that I'd understand

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

3. Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense

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If I were a boy
 I _____ (turn off) my phone
 Tell everyone it's broken
 So they _____ (think) that I was sleeping alone

I _____ (put) myself first
 And make the rules as I go
 'Cause I know that she _____ (be) faithful
 Waiting for me to come home, to come home

4. Put the words in bold in the right column according to their pronunciation.

It's a little **too** late for **you** to come **back**
 Say it's **just** a mistake
 Think I forgive you like **that**
 If you **thought** I would wait for **you**
 You thought **wrong**

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5. Read the following verses and say or write if you agree or disagree with boys and girls feel and behave in a different way. Do you think the message of the song is sexist?

But you are just a boy
 You don't understand
 How it feels to love a girl
 Someday you'll wish you were a better man
 You don't listen to her
 You don't care how it's hurts
 Until you lose the one you wanted
 Cause you taken her for granted
 And everything that you had got destroyed
 But you are just a boy

6. Watch and enjoy the video.

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