S-S-S-Stammering is Cool

Chorus
We get to meet new people
And we get time off school
We get to help each other
S-s-s-stammering is cool
We talk to each other
And sometimes break the rules
We always have a great time
S-s-s-s-s-stammering is cool

It makes me feel unhappy
It makes me feel a fool
But then I just remember stammering is cool
It makes me feel lonely
It makes me feel small
But then I just remember stammering is cool

Chorus

It makes me feel frightened
Why is life so cruel?
But then I just remember stammering is cool
It makes me feel anxious
Like I don’t count at all
But then I just remember stammering is cool

Come stammer with me and find the key
Come stammer with me and you’ll be free

Chorus

Don’t Finish My Sentence

Chorus
Don’t finish my sentence
I don’t want you to
Don’t finish my sentence
‘Cause I don’t finish for you

We keep on trying
We don’t give up
We’re never alone (x2)

Chorus
You may pick on us
We keep on going
We will fight
We will fight (x2)

**Avoidance Blues**

Woke up this morning, wondered what I’d say (x2)
Wondered was it gonna be one of those repetitious days

Went downstairs, had to answer the ‘phone (x2)
Felt ok, knew I was all alone
The man on the phone said
“What’s your name?"
And all I could say was
“………………………"

Woke up this morning
R-R-R-Repetitious days (x2)

Went out the door to catch the bus to town (x2)
Couldn’t ask for an eighty, so I just gave him a pound

Pretty girl in the shoe shop started messing with my mind (x2)
I wear a size 8 trainer, but I brought home a pair of nines

**Look Me in the Eye**

Don’t worry about a thing
‘Cause every little word’s gonna be alright (x2)

Please don’t finish, don’t finish off my words
Just give me time and I’ll be heard (x4)

Look me in the eye
Listen to what I say
Because it really hurts when you turn away (x2)

Give me time- time to talk (x4)

Look me in the eye
Listen to what I say (x2)

I’m not stupid, don’t patronise
I know that you mean well, but don’t give me advice (x2)

Give me time- time to talk (x4)
Different! Annoyed! Shy! Weak! Self-hating! Depressed! Alone! Anxious!

Time to recognise
Time to talk (x4)

Open your eyes (x4)

Time to talk
Time to recognise
Time to talk (x2)

Time to talk

Guy with a stammer (x4)

Time to recognise
Time to talk (x2)

My name is Alan (x3)

**Exercising the Exorcised**

I wandered lonely in the d-d-d-dark
L.....Lost in a maelstrom of emotion when I talked
Tension, angst, g-g-guilt and shame
Just when I tried to say my n....name
Avoid the subject- it's not there
Conceal it like a dragon in its l....lair
Although the dragon cannot be s....seen
Its claws were digging deep within
Ready to spread its w....wings and f....fly
To burn me with its flaming breath
Destroy me in a l-l-l-l-l-living death
But now my friends, it's plain to see
I've exorcised the dragon in me
Avoidance, lead-ins, ch-substitutions
These were no real solutions
Van Riper's path was really it
V.....Voluntary stammering, eye contact- yes, that's it
A catalyst made of you all here
Has bathed my wounds and banished fear
A stammerer I may well be
But no longer chained for I am free

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