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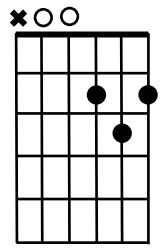
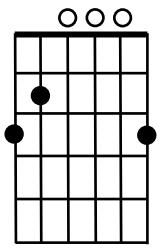
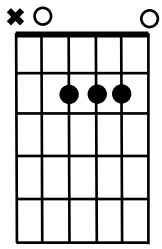
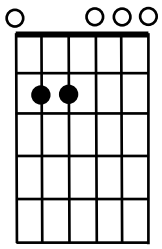
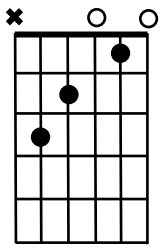
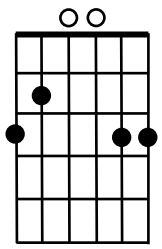
Background: Happy birthday to me. This song was written spontaneously on my birthday in 2025. I'll make it a tradition to play it annually. As the years keep adding up, more and more seems to be breaking down. But as the great Gene Simmons once said, "Any day above ground is a good day." Indeed.

Written: 4/9/25

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	D	4/4	Standard	125	Rock	2

Arrangement	1
Intro	D A G D
Verse	D A G D x2
Pre-chorus	Em C G D
Chorus	G5 D A G D x2
Bridge	C G Em D x2

Chords Used in this Song

D	G	A	Em	C	G(5)
					

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Verse

D
Here's to another milestone
A
Happy birthday to me
G
Another trip around the sun is done
D
Another ring around the tree
D
Each year feels like survival now
A
Like it wasn't meant to be
G
Can't take it for granted
D
I hope Father Time is kind to me

Pre-chorus

Em
I feel fossil old
C
Might be the missing link
G
But soon this dinosaur
D
May be extinct
Em
A dollar short
C
And a day late
G
Soon to find my age
D
You'll need to carbon date

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Chorus

G5
I may be past my prime
D
Most days I don't feel right
A
But right now
G D
I feel 21 tonight
G5
I may be over the hill now
D
I don't burn quite as bright
A
But right now
G D
I feel 21 tonight

Verse

D
I still remember what it feels like
A
To have so much road ahead
G
Each year was a new milestone
D
Still so much more to be said
D
Everything felt new and wild
A
Even dull things we now dread
G
A new door opened each day
D
The future was up ahead

Pre-chorus

Em
Father Time
C

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Is undefeated
G
Forget the past
D
And it'll be repeated
Em
But it's harder now
C
I must confess
G
To just recall
D
What I had for breakfast

Chorus
G5
I may be past my prime
D
Most days I don't feel right
A
But right now
G D
I feel 21 tonight
G5
I may be over the hill now
D
I don't burn quite as bright
A
But right now
G D
I feel 21 tonight

Bridge
C
Another April 9th's upon us
G
Another candle on the cake
Em
If I blow all those candles out
D

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I may hyperventilate
C
More aches and pains to live with
G
More memories fade into the past
Em
That cake looks like a fire hazard
D
You'd better break the glass

Interlude

Chorus
G5
I may be past my prime
D
Most days I don't feel right
A
But right now
G **D**
I feel 21 tonight
G5
I may be over the hill now
D
I don't burn quite as bright
A
But right now
G **D**
I feel 21 tonight

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Chorus

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Pre-chorus
Father Time
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Chorus
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I feel 21 tonight

Bridge
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Another candle on the cake
If I blow all those candles out
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Interlude

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But right now
I feel 21 tonight
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I don't burn quite as bright
But right now

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I feel 21 tonight
Yeah right now
I feel 21 tonight

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Capo on 2
Verse: D A G D x2
Pre-chorus: Em C G D

Chorus: G5 D A G D x2
Bridge: C G Em D x2

Verse
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Interlude

Chorus

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