

# Giving Voice

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C F G7 C x2

## VERSE 1:

C F C F  
Stranger at the bus stop, we got talking, me and you  
C F C F  
All about the weather, then you asked me what I do.  
F C F C  
Communication help, is the name of the game  
F C F G7 C  
Speech and Language Therapy, from cradle to grave.

## VERSE 2:

C F C F  
Some babies need help sucklin', from bottle or breast,  
C F C F  
Children with cleft palate, we help to speak their best,  
F C F C  
Kids with lisps and stammers, au-tistic spectrum too,  
F C F G7 C C F G7  
It'll take a while if I Give Voice to every-thing we do.

## VERSE 3:

C F C F  
Youths with language problems, or "aph-asia", they say,  
C F C F  
Bullied and troubled with the law can kind'a lose their way,  
F C F C  
And you know that Stephen Hawking, with his crazy talking box?  
F C F G7 C  
Communication aids, now that stuff really rocks!

## VERSE 4:

C F C F  
Maybe you've got no larynx, cos of cancer of the throat,  
C F C F  
Or you can't find the words you want, after a stroke?  
F C F C  
We help to find new ways to get thoughts and views across,  
F C F G7 C C F G7  
It's not just King's need help with speech and communi-cation loss.

## VERSE 5:

C F C F  
Dyslexia, literacy, Sure Start, swallowing too,  
C F C F  
Dysphagia's the fancy name for what we bite off and chew!  
F C F C  
Brain injury, cerebral palsy, M-S and MN-D,  
F C F G7 C  
Parkinson's and Downs, Locked In Syndrome, E-N-T.

## VERSE 6:

C F C F  
An occupational hazard in call centres, courts and schools  
C F C F  
Is hurt and pain when talking that we cure with new voice rules.  
F C F C  
We keep you in your job and get you back to earning,  
F C F G7 C C F G7  
Help families to play and children with their learning.

## VERSE 7:

C F C F  
Problems talking face to face or speaking on the 'phone,  
C F C F  
When preaching, singing, teaching take their toll, you're not al-one.  
F C F C  
Symbols, email and the internet, we've got apps for that!  
F C F G7 C  
And it's on the NH-S, if the funding's not been slashed.

## VERSE 8:

C F C F  
We can transform lives, and it's a cost effective role,  
C F C F  
We want to do our jobs, but there's hundreds on the dole,  
F C F C  
You say that makes no sense to you? Well, it makes no sense to me,  
F C F G7 C  
So let's Give Voice and save Speech & Language Thera-py!  
F C F G7 C  
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