

# He Didn't Have to Be

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When a single mom goes out on a date with somebody new  
It always winds up feeling more like a job interview  
My mama used to wonder if she'd ever meet someone  
Who wouldn't find out about me and then turn around and run

I met the man I call my dad when I was five years old  
He took my mom out to a movie and for once I got to go  
A few months later I remember lying there in bed  
I overheard him pop the question and I prayed that she'd say ye  
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And then all of a sudden  
Ah it seemed so strange to me  
How we went from something's missing  
To a family  
Lookin' back all I can say  
About all the things he did for me  
Is I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be

I met the girl who's now my wife about three years ago  
We had the perfect marriage but we wanted somethin' more  
Now here I stand surrounded by our family and friends  
Crowded 'round the nursery window as they bring the baby in

And then all of a sudden  
Ah it seemed so strange to me  
How we went from something's missing  
To a family  
Lookin' through the glass I think about the man  
That's standing next to me  
And I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be

I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be  
'Cause he didn't have to be