

# Tools

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You sent me to the shed with all the tools  
I remember how you said that I could take what I could use  
I got a hammer and a ratchet set  
A hundred tools I ain't used yet  
They're rusty, but they work as good as new

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I remember you as quiet as a picture  
Like that picture of the Navy sailor grinning for the girls  
You had visited the barber  
You were stationed at Pearl Harbor  
A year before the War became the world's

And you say, "Boy, sometimes you've got to get up on that ship,  
Leave all you love behind."  
Well, Grampa, I've been everywhere  
But Fargo, North Dakota  
It ain't war, but it's a fight

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Well, I never knew you ever drew one picture  
But if you want proof that I've got you  
Here running through my veins  
I could show you call the sketchbooks  
That I filled when I was young  
And sixty years ago you did the same

And you say, "Boy, just let 'em laugh  
When all they see is lines--  
Paint yourself a picture of your life.  
I believe that Swedish folks were  
Born with better eyes."  
Grampa, I have always loved the sky  
I think you're right  
You gave me tools.

You sent that telegraph to tell her that you missed her  
When my daddy was a baby, oh you gave him to the Lord  
And the faith you handed down has somehow stuck around  
And love has called you home again  
To roam again no more

You sent me to the shed with all the tools  
I remember how you said that I could take what I could use  
Faith and Love and Hope are what I carried home,  
They're rusty but they work as good as new

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