

# No Time to Cry

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My father died  
a year ago today  
the rooster started crowing  
when they carried dad away  
there beside my mother  
in the livingroom I stood  
with my brother and my sister knowin  
dad was gone for good  
Then I, I hung around just long enough  
to lay him in the ground  
then I caught a plane to do a show  
up north in Detroit town  
because I'm older now  
and I ain't got no time to cry

I got no time to look back  
I got no time to see  
the pieces of my heart that have been ripped away from me  
and if the feelings start to come in I've learned to stop them fast  
'cause I don't know if I let em go they might not wanna pass  
and there's just so many people  
tryin to get me on the phone  
and there's bills to pay and songs to play  
and a house to make a home  
I guess I'm older now  
and I ain't got no time to cry

I can still remember  
before I heard of Merle  
so many things have changed  
so much here in my world  
I remember sitting on the front porch  
when an ambulance drove by  
just listening to those sirens I would break down and cry  
now I'm walkin and I'm talkin  
doin just what I'm supposed to do  
working overtime to make sure I don't come unglued  
Because I'm older now... and I ain't got no time to cry

I sit down on the sofa and I watch the evening news  
there's a half-a-dozen tragedies from which to pick and choose  
the baby that was missing was found in a ditch today  
and there's bombs flying and people dying not so far away  
I'll take a beer from the fridgerator and sit in the yard  
with a cold one in my hand I'm gonna bite down and swallow hard  
Because I'm older now and I ain't got no time to cry

Its true

I'm older now  
Just ain't got no time to cry  
No time to cry  
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