

## The Night Was Dark and Deep

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We were driving back from  
the country one night  
Mom and Dad up the front  
The rest of us snug and tight  
My kid brother grumbled for a little minute  
My big sister said he better quit it or die  
It had been a long day in the countryside  
Playing with the cousins on my mother's side  
The sound of the radio closed our eyes  
Drifting across the sea, then I fell asleep

Well I don't know what woke me up  
Maybe a country song or a big truck passing by  
But I could hear Mama and Papa talk  
Papa said something and Mama began to cry  
No more words then just soft sobs  
And my head began to throb  
I just lay there playing dog  
Breathing slow and deep  
They thought I was asleep  
They thought I was asleep

It seemed like forever till the sobbing stopped  
Then they talked for a little  
But just too soft to hear  
Daddy kept looking to the side of her face  
One hand on the wheel  
The other one stroking her hair  
Headlights shining from the other way  
Showed tears on the cheeks of Daddy's face  
I prayed for Jesus to send His grace  
And all our souls to keep  
Back then I believed  
They thought I was asleep  
The night was dark and deep  
I wish I was asleep  
How I wish I was asleep