

# I Still Can't Say Goodbye

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When I was young  
My dad would say  
"C'mon son, let's go out an' play"  
Seems like only yesterday

When I was all by myself  
I'd climb up the closet shelf  
Find his hat an' fix the brim  
Pretending I was him

No matter how hard I try  
No matter how many tears I cry  
No matter how many years go by  
I still can't say goodbye

He took good care  
Of Mom an' me  
We all cut down the Christmas tree  
He always had some time for me

Wind blows through the trees  
Street-lights, they still shine bright  
Most things are the same  
But I miss my dad tonight

I walk by the Salvation Army store  
Saw a hat like my daddy wore  
Tried it on an' fixed the brim  
Still tryin' to be like him

No matter how hard I try  
No matter how many tears I cry  
No matter how many years go by  
I still can't say goodbye, Pa