

## No Time to Cry

Merle Haggard

My father died a year ago today  
The rooster started crowing when they carried Dad away  
There beside my mother in the living room I stood  
With my brothers and my sisters knowing Dad was gone for good  
Well, I stayed around just long enough to lay him in the ground  
And then I caught a plane to do a show up north in Detroit town  
Because I'm older now, I ain't got no time to cry

I've got no time to look back, I've got no time to see  
The pieces of my heart that have been ripped away from me  
And when the feeling starts to coming, I've learned to stop 'em  
fast  
'Cause I don't know if I let 'em go they might not want to pass  
And there's just so many people trying to get me on the phone  
And there's bills to pay and songs to play and a house to make  
a home  
And I'm older now, I ain't got no time to cry

I can still remember before there was a Merle  
So many things have changed so much here in my world  
I remember sitting on the front yard when an ambulance went by  
And just listening to those sirens I would break down and cry  
But now I'm walking, I'm talking, doing just what I'm supposed  
to do  
Working overtime to make sure I don't come unglued  
'Cause I'm older now, I ain't got no time to cry

I go lay 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 a'flying and people dying not so far away  
I'll take a beer from the 'frigerator and go sit out in the yar  
d  
And with a cold one in my hand I'm gonna bite down and swallow  
hard  
'Cause I'm older now, I ain't got no time to cry  
It's true, I guess I'm older now, I just ain't got no time to c  
ry

No time to cry  
No time to cry  
No time to cry