

He Didn't Have To Be
Brad Paisley

Title: He Didn't Have To Be
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Capo 2nd Fret

[Verse 1]

G **C**
When a single mom goes out on a date with somebody new
D **C** **G**
It always winds up feeling more like a job interview
C
My momma used to wonder if she'd ever meet someone
D **C** **G**
Who wouldn't find out about me and then turn around and run
G **C**
I met the man I call my dad when I was 5 years old
D **C** **G**
He took my mom out to a movie and for once I got to go
C
A few months later I remember lying there in bed
D **C** **G**
I overheard him pop the question and I prayed that she'd say yes... And then

[Chorus 1]

Am **D**
All of a sudden oh it seemed so strange to me
G **C**
How we went from somethings missing to a family
Am **D** **Em**
Looking back all I can say about all the things he did for me
G **C** **G**
Is I hope I'm at least half the dad that he didn't have to be

[Verse 2]

G **C**
I met the girl who's now my wife about three years ago
D **C** **G**
We had the perfect marriage, but we wanted something more
C
Now here I stand surrounded by our family and friends
D **C** **G**
Crowded round the nursery window as they bring the baby in... And now

[Chorus 2]

Am **D**

All of a sudden oh it seemed so strange to me

G

C

How we've gone from somethings missing to a family

Am

D

Em

Looking through the glass I think about the man who's standing next to me

G

C

G

And I hope I'm at least half the dad that he didn't have to be

Am

G

You know he didn't have to be