

He Didn't Have To Be
Brad Paisley

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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