

G7

To pull the family through

C Bm Am G E Am

My son, itâ€™s all left up to youâ€•

D

Two days later papa passed away

C

And I became a man that day

D

So I told mama I was gonna quit school

C

But she said that was daddyâ€™s strictest rule

D

So every morning â€˜fore I went to school

C

I fed the chickens and I chopped wood too

G

Bb

Sometimes I felt that I couldnâ€™t go on

C

G

I wanted to leave, just run away from home

G

Bb

But I would remember what my daddy said

C

G

With tears in his eyes on his dyinâ€™ bed

G

He said, â€œPatches

Bm

Iâ€™m dependinâ€™ on you, son

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I tried to do my best

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Itâ€™s up to you to do the restâ€•

G

But then one day a strong rain came

Bm

And washed all the crops away

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And at the age of 13

C

Bm

Am

G

E

I thought I was carryinâ€™ the weight of the whole world on my shoulders

Am

And you know mama knew what I was going through

D

â€˜Cause every day I had to work the fields

C

â€˜Cause thatâ€™s the only way we got our meals

D

You see, I was the oldest of the family

C

And everybody else depended on me

D

Every night I heard my mama pray

C

Lord, give him strength to face another day

G

4 years have passed and all the kids have grown

C

The angels took mama to a brand new home

G

Bb

God knows people, I shed tears

C

But my daddyâ€™s voice kept me through the years

G

Sayinâ€™, â€˜Patches

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I can still hear papa when he said, â€˜Patches

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