

The Fathers Song

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Am E7 Am
That s another day gone by, son, close your eyes
C G F
For the moon is chasing clouds across the skies
Am E7
Got to sleep and have no fear, son
C G F
For your mam and dad are near, son
G F E7
And the giant is just a shadow on the wall

Am E7 Am
Go to sleep and when you wake it will be light
C G F
There s no need to fear the darkness of the night
Am E7
It s not like the dark you find, son
C G F
In the depths of some men s minds, son
G F E7
That defies the daily coming of the dawn

Am E7 Am
Stop crying now, let daddy dry your tears
C G F
There s no bogeyman to get you, never fear
Am E7
There s no ogres, wicked witches
C G F
Only greedy sons-of-bitches
G F E7
Who are waiting to exploit your life away

Am E7 Am
Lie easy in your bed and grow up strong
C G F
You ll be needing all your strength before too long
Am E7
For you ll soon be on your way, son
C G F
Fighting battles every day, son
G F E7
With an enemy who thinks he owns the world

Am E7 Am
Don t you let em buy you out or break your pride
C G F

Don't you let yourself be used then cast aside

Am **E7**

If you listen to their lying

C **G F**

They will con you into dying

G **F** **E7**

You won't even know that you were once alive

Am **E7** **Am**

No more talking now it's time to go to sleep

C **G** **F**

There are answers to your questions but they'll keep

Am **E7**

Go on asking while you grow, son

C **G** **F**

Go on asking till you know, son

E7 **F** **G**

And then send the answers ringing through the world

G **F** **E7**

And then send the answers ringing through the world