

Footprints

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[Intro]

D G D

G D
On the day that school let out

G D
My sister Anne and me

A Bm
Walked the fields behind our house

G
To find our Christmas tree

D
She was six years older

G D
So she led the way

A Bm G A D G D G
As we walked out to find the tree we'd have on Christmas day.

D G D
Now weeks of late November rain had brought the creek to flood

A Bm
As we walked out across the field

G
Our boots sunk in the mud

D G D
I soon realized that I could step inside her prints so grand

A Bm G A
Until it seemed like I was walking across the driest land

G D
I was walking in your foot prints

A D G D
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,

G A G D A Bm A
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.

G D A D G D G
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.

D
Mom could hit a baseball

G D
Lee could fly a kite,

A Bm G
Dad knew every constellation in the sky at night

D G D
And Ann could sing about every song that Elvis ever sung
A Bm G A
And it wasn't long before it seemed like I knew every one.

G D
I was walking in your foot prints
A D G D
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,
G A G D A Bm A
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.
G D A D G D G
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.
G D
I was watching how you walked and talked.
G D
How you held your head.
G D
Every joke that made you laugh.
G A
Every book you read.
G D G D
And how you always did your best when no one seemed to care,
Em D
How you did your duty,
G A
How you did your share.

D
Now as I grow older
G D A Bm
It's so easy to forget all the ones who follow after me
G
I can't imagine yet
D
Who learn what I remember,
G D
Who do what I have done,
A Bm
Every step I travel now
G A
I walk for more than one.

G D
I'm walking in your foot prints
A D G D
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,
G A G D A Bm A
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.
G D A D G D G D
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.