

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.