

Footprints

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[Intro]

Eb G# Eb

G# Eb
On the day that school let out

G# Eb
My sister Anne and me

Bb Cm
Walked the fields behind our house

G#
To find our Christmas tree

Eb
She was six years older

G# Eb
So she led the way

Bb Cm G# Bb Eb G# Eb G#
As we walked out to find the tree we'd have on Christmas day.

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

Bb Cm
As we walked out across the field

G#
Our boots sunk in the mud

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

Bb Cm G# Bb
Until it seemed like I was walking across the driest land

G# Eb
I was walking in your foot prints

Bb Eb G# Eb
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,

G# Bb G# Eb Bb Cm Bb
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.

G# Eb Bb Eb G# Eb G#
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.

Eb
Mom could hit a baseball

G# Eb
Lee could fly a kite,

Bb Cm G#
Dad knew every constellation in the sky at night

Eb **G#** **Eb**
And Ann could sing about every song that Elvis ever sung
Bb **Cm** **G#** **Bb**
And it wasn't long before it seemed like I knew every one.

G# **Eb**
I was walking in your foot prints
Bb **Eb** **G#** **Eb**
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,
G# **Bb** **G#** **Eb** **Bb** **Cm** **Bb**
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.
G# **Eb** **Bb** **Eb** **G#** **Eb** **G#**
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.
G# **Eb**
I was watching how you walked and talked.

G# **Eb**
How you held you head.
G# **Eb**
Every joke that made you laugh.
G# **Bb**
Every book you read.
G# **Eb** **G#** **Eb**
And how you always did your best when no one seemed to care,
Fm **Eb**
How you did you did your duty,
G# **Bb**
How you did your share.

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

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