

Footprints

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[Intro]

C F C

F C
On the day that school let out

F C
My sister Anne and me

G Am
Walked the fields behind our house

F
To find our Christmas tree

C
She was six years older

F C
So she led the way

G Am F G C F C F
As we walked out to find the tree we'd have on Christmas day.

C F C
Now weeks of late November rain had brought the creek to flood

G Am
As we walked out across the field

F
Our boots sunk in the mud

C F C
I soon realized that I could step inside her prints so grand

G Am F G
Until it seemed like I was walking across the driest land

F C
I was walking in your foot prints

G C F C
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,

F G F C G Am G
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.

F C G C F C F
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.

C
Mom could hit a baseball

F C
Lee could fly a kite,

G Am F
Dad knew every constellation in the sky at night

C **F** **C**
And Ann could sing about every song that Elvis ever sung
G **Am** **F** **G**
And it wasn't long before it seemed like I knew every one.

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

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

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