Footprints
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[Intro]
C F C

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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.

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Mom could hit a baseball
F               C
Lee could fly a kite,
         G     Am            F
Dad knew every constellation in the sky at night
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    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 you 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 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.

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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.
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