

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# Bbm

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# Bbm

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# Bbm

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#

Bbm

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#

Bbm

G#

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

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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#

Bbm

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#

Bbm

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#

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

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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,

Ebm

C#

How you did your duty,

F#

G#

How you did your share.

C#

Now as I grow older

F#

C#

G#

Bbm

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#

Bbm

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#

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C#

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Bbm

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