

Footprints

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[Intro]

E A E

A **E**
On the day that school let out

A **E**
My sister Anne and me

B **C#m**
Walked the fields behind our house

A
To find our Christmas tree

E
She was six years older

A **E**
So she led the way

B **C#m** **A** **B** **E** **A E A**
As we walked out to find the tree we'd have on Christmas day.

E **A** **E**
Now weeks of late November rain had brought the creek to flood

B **C#m**
As we walked out across the field

A
Our boots sunk in the mud

E **A** **E**
I soon realized that I could step inside her prints so grand

B **C#m** **A** **B**
Until it seemed like I was walking across the driest land

A **E**
I was walking in your foot prints

B **E** **A** **E**
Counting every step, measuring every move you made,

A **B** **A** **E** **B** **C#m B**
Every word you said, and I was dancing in your shadow, doing what you do.

A **E** **B** **E** **A E A**
I was learning how to be like me by being just like you.

E
Mom could hit a baseball

A **E**
Lee could fly a kite,

B **C#m** **A**
Dad knew every constellation in the sky at night

E **A** **E**
And Ann could sing about every song that Elvis ever sung
B **C#m** **A** **B**
And it wasn't long before it seemed like I knew every one.

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

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

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