

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.