

Daddy Frank (The Guitar Man)

Merle Haggard

D

Daddy Frank played the guitar and the French harp,

A

sister played the ringing tambourine.

A7

A

Mama couldn't hear our pretty music,

A7

D

she read our lips and helped the family sing.

That little band was all a part of living,

A

and our only means of living at the time,

A7

A

and it wasn't like no normal family combo,

A7

D

cause Daddy Frank the guitar man was blind.

Bm

D

Frank and mama counted on each other,

Bm

D

their one and only weakness made them strong.

G

D

Hey, mama did the driving for the family,

E

A

and Frank made a living with a song.

Bm

D

Home was just a camp along the highway,

Bm

D

a pick-up bed was where we bedded down.

G

D

Don't ever once remember going hungry,

D

G

D

A

D

but I remember mama cooking on the ground.

D

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**Bm** **D**  
Don t remember how they got acquainted,  
**Bm** **D**  
I can t recall just how it came to be.  
**G** **D**  
But there had to be some special help from someone,  
**E** **A**  
and blessed be the one that let it be.  
**Bm** **D**  
Fever caused my mama s loss of hearing,  
**Bm** **D**  
Daddy Frank was born without his sight.  
**G** **D**  
And mama needed someone she could lean on,  
**D G D A D**  
and I believe the guitar man was right.

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