

**Daddy Frank**  
**Merle Haggard**

Key of D 99-87

[Chorus]

**D**

Daddy Frank played the guitar and the french harp

**D**

**A**

Sister played the ringing tambourine

**A**

And mama couldn't hear our pretty music

**A**

**D**

But she read our lips and helped the family sing

**D**

That little band was all a part of living

**D**

**A**

And our only means of living at the time

**A**

And it wasn't like no normal family combo

**A**

**D**

Cause Daddy Frank the guitar man was blind

[Verse]

**Bm**

**D**

Frank and Mama counted on each other

**D**

**Bm**

**A**

Their one and only weakness made them strong

**G**

**D**

Mama did the driving for the family

**D**

**E**

**A**

And Frank made a living with his song

**Bm**

**D**

Home was just a camp along the highway

**Bm**

**A**

Pickup bed is where we bedded down

**A**

**G**

**D**

Don't ever once remember going hungry

**D**

**G**

**D**

**A**

**D**

But I remember Mama cooking on the ground

[Chorus]

**D**

Daddy Frank played the guitar and the french harp

**D**

**A**

Sister played the ringing tambourine

**A**

Mama couldn't hear the pretty music

**A**

**D**

But she read our lips and helped the family sing

**D**

That little band was all a part of living  
D A  
And our only means of living at the time  
A  
And it wasn't like no normal family combo  
A D  
Cause Daddy Frank the guitar man was blind

[Verse]

D Bm D  
Don't remember how they got acquainted  
D Bm A  
I can't recall just how it came to be  
A G D  
There had to be some special help from someone  
D E A  
And blessed be the one who let it be  
Bm D  
Fever caused my Mama's loss of hearing  
Bm A  
Daddy Frank was born without his sight  
A G D  
And Mama needed someone she could lean on  
D G D A D  
And I believe the guitar man was right

[Chorus]

D  
Daddy Frank played the guitar and the french harp  
D A  
Sister played the ringing tambourine  
A  
Mama couldn't hear our pretty music  
A D  
But she read our lips and helped the family sing  
D  
That little band was all a part of living  
D A  
And our only means of living at the time  
A  
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A D  
Cause Daddy Frank the guitar man was blind