

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]

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[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

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