

You Never Even Call Me
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You Never Even Call me by My Name
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Verse 1

G **D** **G**
It was all that I could do to keep from cryin
 C **D** **G**
Sometimes it seems so useless to remain
C **D** **G** **Em**
You're the one who always tried to change me
G **D** **C** **G**
That is why I will always stay the same

Chorus:

C **G**
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
C **D** **G**
I never minded standin' in the rain
C **D** **G** **Em**
You don't have to call me Darlin', Darlin'
 G **D** **C** **G**
But you never even call me by my name

Verse 2

G **D** **G**
You don't have to call me Waylon Jennings
 C **D** **G**
No, you don't have to call me Charlie Pride
 C **D** **G** **Em**
And you don't have to call me Merle Haggard...anymore
A7 **D**
 Even though you know you're on my fightin' side

Chorus:

C **G**
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
C **D** **G**
I never minded standin' in the rain
C **D** **G** **Em**
You don't have to call me Darlin', Darlin'
 G **D** **C** **G**
But you never even call me by my name

Solo

Verse 3

G **D** **G**
I ve seen my name a few times in the phone book
C **D** **G**
And on the neon sign above the bar I use to own
C **D** **G** **Em**
There is only one thing that I am really sure of
A7 **D**
I ll gonna hear it when my savoir calls me home

Spoken

Well we left out a lot of stuff.
We left out: farms, mother, prison, trucks, trains,
Getting drunk, thanks to Cole, and dead dogs like Old Shep,
And a big holiday like Christmas
And with all due respect you canâ€™t have a good country song without
Mother, prison, farms, trucks, trains, Getting drunk,
And dead dogs like Old Shep.
So hereâ€™s the last verse.

Verse 4

G **D** **G**
Ever since the dog got drunk and died and mama went to prison
C **D** **G**
Why nothinâ€™ round this farmâ€™s been the same
C **D** **G** **Em**
You know when mom broke out last Christmas,
A7 **D**
She drove that damned old getaway laundry truck right in to a train

Chorus:

C **G**
And I ll hang around as long as you will let me
C **D** **G**
I never minded standin in the rain
C **D** **G** **Em**
You don t have to call me Darlin , Darlin
G **D** **C** **G**
But you never even call me by my name