

David Allen Coe

"You Never Even Called Me By My Name"

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WELL, IT WAS ALL
THAT I COULD DO TO KEEP FROM CRYINGÂ'
SOMETIMES IT SEEMED SO USELESS TO REMAIN
BUT YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME DARLINÂ', DARLIN'
YOU NEVER EVEN CALL ME BY MY NAME

YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME WAYLON JENNINGS
AND YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME CHARLIE PRIDE
AND YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME MERLE
HAGGARD/ANYMORE
EVEN THOUGH YOUÂ'RE ON MY FIGHTINGÂ' SIDE

CHORUS:
AND IÂ'LL HANG AROUND AS LONG AS YOU WILL LET
ME
AND I NEVER MINDED STANDINGÂ' IN THE RAIN
BUT YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME DARLINÂ',
DARLINÂ'
YOU NEVER EVEN CALLED ME BY MY NAME

WELL, IÂ'VE HEARD MY NAME
A FEW TIMES IN YOUR PHONE BOOK (Hello, Hello)
AND IÂ'VE SEEN IT ON SIGNS WHERE IÂ'VE PLAYED
BUT THE ONLY TIME I KNOW
IÂ'LL HEAR "DAVID ALLAN COE"
IS WHEN JESUS HAS HIS FINAL JUDGMENT DAY

REPEAT CHORUS

RECITATION:
WELL, A FRIEND OF MINE NAMED STEVE GOODMAN
WROTE THAT SONG
AND HE TOLD ME IT WAS THE PERFECT COUNTRY &
WESTERN SONG

I WROTE HIM BACK A LETTER AND I TOLD HIM IT WAS
NOT THE PERFECT COUNTRY & WESTERN SONG
BECAUSE HE HADNÂ'T SAID ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT
MAMA,
OR TRAINS,
OR TRUCKS,
OR PRISON,

OR GETTINGÂ' DRUNK
WELL HE SAT DOWN AND WROTE ANOTHER VERSE TO
THE SONG
AND HE SENT IT TO ME,
AND AFTER READING IT,
I REALIZED THAT MY FRIEND HAD WRITTEN THE
PERFECT
COUNTRY & WESTERN SONG
AND I FELT OBLIGED TO INCLUDE IT ON THIS ALBUM
THE LAST VERSE GOES LIKE THIS HERE:

WELL, I WAS DRUNK THE DAY MY MOM GOT OUT OF
PRISON
AND I WENT TO PICK HER UP IN THE RAIN
BUT BEFORE I COULD GET TO THE STATION IN MY
PICKUP TRUCK
SHE GOT RUN NED OVER BY A DAMNED OLD TRAIN

CHORUS:
AND IÂ'LL HANG AROUND AS LONG AS YOU WILL LET
ME
AND I NEVER MINDED STANDINGÂ' IN THE RAIN
NO, AÂ' YOU DONÂ'T HAVE TO CALL ME DARLINÂ',
DARLINÂ'
YOU NEVER EVEN CALL ME
WELL I WONDER WHY YOU DONÂ'T CALL ME
WHY DONÂ'T YOU EVER CALL ME BY MY NAME

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