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Dolly Parton "Family"

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(Dolly Parton/Carl Perkins)

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When it's family, you forgive them for they know not what they do When it's family, you accept them, 'cause you have no choice but to When it's family, they're a mirror of the worst and best in you And they always put you to the test And you always try to do your best And just pray for God to do the rest, when it's family

Some are preachers, some are gay Some are addicts, drunks and strays But not a one is turned away, when it's family Some are lucky, others ain't Some are fighters, others faint Winners, losers, sinners, saints, it's all family

And when it's family you trust them and your heart's an open door

When it's family, you tolerate what you'd kill others for

When it's family, you love and hate and take, then give some more

Somehow you justify mistakes, try to find some better way

To solve the problems day to day, in the family

You take the trouble as it comes and love them more than anyone Good or bad or indifferent, it's still family You choose your lovers, you pick your friends Not the family that you're in, nah They'll be with you 'til the end, 'cause it's family

And when it's family, you forgive them for they know not what they do When it's family, they're a mirror of the worst and best in you When it's family, when it's family Let me be all that I should be to the family

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