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"I Dug My Daddy's Grave"

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(There's anything shared at our house tonight since
God called my daddy away)
Tonight my heart is heavy there's not a tear left in my
eyes
You see my dad just passed away and I've told him so
many lies
There were fifteen of us in our family and not a dime
did we see
So all alone there in the graveyard I had to dig my
daddy's grave
As I dug my conscience hurt me and as I rise my shovel
high
It seemed my entire life was quickly flashing by
I thought of how he'd beat me and I tried to make him
mad
And I knew every lickin' he gave me hurt him twice as
bad
I thought of how he'd leave us when our lunch was an
empty sack
But I knew dad worked hard and for us kids he'd break
his back
Then I thought of how we'd hurt him why I'd take his
core anytime
Maybe I'd have a wreck and land in jail he'd be there to
bail me out everytime

I'd stand up in the space and curse him then I'd I leave
so I wouldn't see him cry
Then he'd fall on his knees and say dear God give my
son another try
After the funeral was over and the coffin was laid in its
place
They handed me the shovel and asked me to throw
more dirt in his face
I wish I showed him how much I love him I could have
had a try
But I do have one consolation he knew God before he
died

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