

## **Gilman Billy**

### **"Elisabeth"**

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Namesake to Elisabeth  
Her daddy's pride and joy  
Baptized in her mama's tears soon after she was born  
'Cause the doctor said she'd never live  
To see her sweet sixteen  
It's a miracle she beat those odds  
And there's still no promise  
She will see tomorrow  
It makes me wonder  
How life can give someone so much and take so much  
away

Oh, Elisabeth  
You're a teacher you're a saint  
And I'm so glad you came to us  
Elisabeth, you make the world a better place  
With the kindness of your smile and your love  
And your beauty will live on and on  
Elisabeth

She might not ever marry  
Or hold a baby of her own  
Things we all take for granted  
Are the things she may never know  
But she believes there's always hope  
And that's all she really has  
So she walks through life with passion and  
With dignity and class

And when she cries, she cries in silence  
But never for herself  
She cries for everybody else, for everybody else

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