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Hank Williams Jr. "Little Boy's Prayer"

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Darling I don't know whether you can hear me or not Because of this lump in my throat I can't talk very loud But I've got to tell you about our little son's prayer tonight If you could've heard it honey youd've been so proud

I'd already left a note on the table for mom and dad As if they didn't know what was wrong

I asked them to take a care of him now that you and I both were gone

After I finished the note I figured that he was alseep So I've slipped in to see him once more

But he was just startin' to pray and his words froze me at the door

He said dear God it's late and I hope I didn't get you up But there's somethin' we gotta talk about

You see God my mommy was burried today and my daddy needs straighten out

Ever since mommy got sick he's been nervous and hollered at me a lot

But that part I can't understand

Cause a little boy like me knows that worry sometimes overload a man

But God he loved mommy so much

He used to tel her nothin' would ever come between 'em

And I know that's what's botherin' him now cause somethin' has

And I'm afraid he's thinkin' about joinin' her somehow God I'm glad he loved mommy

And I want him to be with her again one of these days But I want to talk to him and tell him that just now he's got me to raise

Tell him every now and then a little boy needs a helping hand

I guess you probably still need your daddy even after you're a fullgrown man

And God if I'd lost him and mommy both it'd be more than I could stand

I know my grandma and grandpa would take care of me cause they both love me a lot

But God they're older and they don't always understand

The problems a little boy like me has got Well God I won't bother anymore tonight But tomorrow night I'll be sure to talk to you again You take care of my daddy now you hear me thank you God Amen I've just stood there thinkin' bout his prayer what he said in it Finally I opened the door and asked himif I could talk to him for a minute We sat down on the edge of his bed we both took turns laughin' and cryin' for a while And he could tell it'd been a change in me Because for the first time and the long time I saw him smile So darling you go on ahead but you walk slow And someday when you'll turn around I'll be there But it'll be a while cause I'm gonna spend the next few dozen years Being an answer to our little boys prayer

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