

Hank Williams Sr.

"Help Me Understand"

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A little girl prayed at the close of the day
'Cause her daddy had gone far away
On her little face was a look of despair
I stood there and listened and I heard this prayer.

My mama says daddy had brought us too shame
I'm never no more to mention his name
Lord, take me and lead me and hold to my hand
Oh, heavenly father help me understand.

You know friends I wonder how many homes are
broken tonight
Anf just how many tears are shed
By some little word of anger
That really never should've been said.

I'd like to tell you a story of a family I once knew
We'll call 'em Mary and William and their little daughter
Sue
Now Mary was just a plain mother and Bill was the usual
dad
And they had a little family quarrels like everybody
else
But neither one really got mad.

Then one day somethin' happened it was nothing of
course
But one word left to another and the last word led to
divorce
Now here were the two grown people that failed to use
common sence
This thing and their own selfish pride that little Susie
expenche.

Now you know she didn't ask to be brought in this world
That drift from piddle to post
But the divorce never stops to consider
The one that hurts the most.

There'd be a lot more honest lovin' in this wicky old
world today
If just a few parted parents could hear little Sue say
Take me and lead me and hold to my hand
Oh, heavenly father help me understand...

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