

# John Michael Montgomery

## "I Wanna Be There"

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(Harley Allen/Paul Overstreet)

The first night we brought you home, it scared me half to death.

I stood right beside your crib and counted every breath.

Lookin' at your little face, heaven seemed so close,  
It felt all right to ask the Lord for what I want the most.

I wanna be there when you're one,  
And you're just learning how to walk.  
I wanna be there when you're two,  
An' hear the funny ways you talk.  
I wanna be there when you're three,  
An my wall's covered up with chalk.  
My only prayer: I wanna be there.

I'd like to save some money so we could buy a bigger house.  
Worked harder at my job to make my family proud.  
A million things I've got in mind that I want to do.  
God willing, I've got time: that's what I'll give to you.

I wanna be there when you're fifteen,  
And you're havin' your first date.  
I wanna be there when you're sixteen,  
And your heart's had it's first break.  
I wanna be there when you're seventeen,  
And think that you can't wait.  
My only prayer: I wanna be there.

I wanna be there when my little girl.  
Was walkin' down the aisle.  
I wanna be there, fightin' back the tears,  
An' tryin' hard to smile..  
I wanna be there with your Momma,  
When you're havin' your first child..  
My only prayer: I wanna be there.

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