

Johnny Cash

"I Wanted So"

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I wanted so to tell that old man, Oh so many things
Like the corn was 10 feet tall, that he had planted in the
spring
and the books he'd ordered came in in the mail just
yesterday
but he never said a word and life slowly slipped away

I wanted so to tell him just how much he meant to me
I wanted so to thank him for what he taught me that I
could be
I wanted him to know, that his grandchildren all were
there
and that his four year old grandson said "Papa, I said a
prayer"

I wanted to apologize for always being on the go

for never having enough time to talk about the things
that he needed so
I wanted so to tell him "Pop, your loved ones all are
here"
but he just lay there with his eyes closed, and I think he
shed a knowing tear

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