

David Allan Coe

"You Never Called Me By My Name"

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Well, it was all that I could do to keep from cryin'
Sometimes it seemed so useless to remain
But you don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even called me by my name

You don't have to call me Waylon Jennings
And you don't have to call me Charley Pride
And you don't have to call me Merle Haggard anymore
Even though you're on my fightin' side

And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
And I never minded standing in the rain
But you don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even called me by my name

Well, I've heard my name a few times in your phone
book
(Hello, hello)
And I've seen it on signs where I've played
But the only time I know I'll hear David Allan Coe
Is when Jesus has his final judgment day

So I'll hang around as long as you will let me
And I never minded standing in the rain
But you don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even called me by my name

Well, a friend of mine named Steve Goodman wrote
that song
And he told me it was the perfect country and western
song
I wrote him back a letter and I told him
It was not the perfect country and western song
Because he hadn't said anything at all about Mama
Or trains or trucks or prison or gettin' drunk

Well, he sat down and wrote another verse to the song
And he sent it to me and after reading it I realized
That my friend had written the perfect country and
western song
And I felt obliged to include it on this album
The last verse goes like this here

Well, I was drunk the day my mom got out of prison
And I went to pick her up in the rain
But before I could get to the station in a pickup truck
She got run'd over by a damned old train

And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
And I never minded standing in the rain
You don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even called me, well, I wonder why you don't
call me
Why don't you ever call me by my name?

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