

High Valley

"A Father's Love"

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For the longest time he was the kind I just didn't
understand
Hard to read and hard to please, yeah that was my old
man
On the day I left I for college it was nothing new
We never had that heart to heart, he had too much to
do

He checked the air in my tires, the belts and all the
sparkplug wires
He said "When was the last time you had this oil
changed?"
And as I pulled out the drive he said, "Be sure to call
your mom sometime"
And I didn't hear it then but I hear it now
He was saying "I love you," the only way he knew how

A hundred twenty thousand miles and 6 years down
the road
Brand new life, a brand new wife we just bought our
first home
When he finally came to visit I thought he'd be so proud
He never said he liked the place he just got his tool belt
out

And put knew locks on the doors, went back and forth
to the hardware store
He said "Come and hold this flashlight", as he crawled
beneath the sink
"These old wires ain't up to code and that circuit box is
gonna overload"
And I didn't hear it then but I hear it now
He was saying "I love you", the only way he knew how

But on Sunday we all gathered for his 65th birthday
And I knew he'd stiffen up but I hugged him anyway
It was finally time to say goodbye I knew what was next
Just like he always did right before we left

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sparkplug wires

Said "When was the last time you had this oil
changed?"
And as we pulled out the drive he said,
"Be sure to call your mom sometime"
And I wish I knew back then what I know now
He was saying "I love you",
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