

Patty Loveless

"How Can I Help You To Say Good-bye"

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Through the back window of a '59 wagon
I watch my best friend Janey slipping further away
I kept on waving, til I couldn't see her
And through my tears I ask again why we couldn't stay
Mama whispered softly, time will ease your pain
Life's about changing, nothing ever stays the same
And she said, how can I help you to say good-bye
It's okay to hurt, and it's okay to cry
Come let me hold you and I will try
How can I help you to say good-bye

I sit on our bed
He packs his suitcase
I help a picture of our wedding day
His hands were trembling
We both were crying
He kissed me gently, then he quickly walked away

I called up mama, she said time will ease your pain
Life's about changing, nothing ever stays the same

And she said, how can I help you to say good-bye
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Sitting with mama,
Alone in her bedroom
She opened her eyes, and then squeezed my hand
She said, I have to go now
My time here is over
And with her final words, she tried to help me
understand
Mama whispered softly, time will ease your pain
Life's about changing, nothing ever stays the same
And she said, how can I help you to say good-bye
It's okay to hurt, and it's okay to cry
Come let me hold you, and I will try
How can I help you,
To say good-bye

Mandie

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