

Tammy Wynette

"Dear Daughters"

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Dear daughters

Gwen, you're my oldest and you're quite a lady
You're my only blue eyed girl and you turn sixteen in
April
And you sure made a change in my world
I'm sorry I missed the big evening, your first date and I
wasn't around

Save all the secret things you did and tell me when I
get to town
And on your graduation I wanted pictures to look back
on
But then I wasn't there to take them, as usual I was
gone
You've had to grow up much too quick and you've done
it on your own
You did it without mama 'cause mama wasn't home

And Jackie, you're quite a lady too
You're just one year younger than Gwen
And there's so much that I'm missing like being
mommy now and then
I remember the day you cooked your first meal, you
were nine
You cooked biscuits and ham
And you called it to me how good it was 'cause I was
out of town

And at the party for fathers and daughters, well, I know
you felt out of place
And even the pretty dress I bought couldn't fill that
empty space
And the time when you got sick and the doctors turned
you down
They said they couldn't treat you with your mama out of
town

And Tina, you're such a pretty girl with big almond
eyes, brown
And they voted you a home coming queen when I was
out of town
I know you were a beauty 'cause your sisters dressed

you right
And you said it didn't matter that I was out of town that
night

And the day that you joined the cheer leading team
Boy, nothing could hold you down, you yelled, "Hip hip
hurray"
Over the phone 'cause as usual I was out of town

And Tamala Georgette Jones, you simply take my
breath away
Born just six short years ago and named for your
daddy and me
Going to sleep on [Incomprehensible] arm and
listening to her hymn
Drifting off to fairy land while sucking on your thumb
While, just yesterday you pulled a tooth, you sure are
brave and strong
I wish I could have been there but as usual I was gone

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