

## Paisley Brad

# "He Didn't Have To Be"

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When a single mom goes out on a date with somebody  
new

It always winds up feeling more like a job interview

My momma used to wonder if she'd ever meet  
someone

Who wouldn't find out about me and then turn around  
and run

I met the man I call my dad when I was five years old

He took my mom out to a movie and for once I got to  
go

A few months later I remember lying there in bed

I overheard him pop the question and prayed that  
she'd say yes

And then all of a sudden

Oh, it seemed so strange to me

How we went from something's missing

To a family

Lookin' back all I can say

About all the things he did for me

Is I hope I'm at least half the dad

That he didn't have to be

I met the girl that's now my wife about three years ago

We had the perfect marriage but we wanted somethin'  
more

Now here I stand surrounded by our family and friends  
Crowded 'round the nursery window as they bring the  
baby in  
And now all of a sudden  
Oh, it seemed so strange to me  
How we've gone from something's missing  
To a family  
Lookin' through the glass I think about the man  
That's standin' next to me  
And I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be  
Lookin' back all I can say  
About all the things he did for me  
Is I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be  
Yeah, I hope I'm at least half the dad  
That he didn't have to be  
Because he didn't have to be  
You know he didn't have to be

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