You Never Even Call Me by My Name

David Allan Coe

Well, it was all
that i could do to keep from crying'
sometimes it seemed so useless to remain
but you don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
you never even call me by my nameYou don't have to call me waylon jennings
and you don't have to call me charlie pride
and you don't have to call me merle haggard/anymore
even though you're on my fighting' 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 nameWell, 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 dayAnd 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 & western song

i wrote him back a letter and i told him it was not the perfect country & western song because he hadn't said anything at all about mama,

or trains,

or trucks,

or prison,

or getting' 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 & 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 my pickup truck

she got run ned over by a damned old trainand I'll hang around as long as you will let me

and I never minded standing' in the rain

no, a' you don't have to call me darlin', darlin'

you never even call me

well I wonder why you don't call me

why don't you ever call me by my name Song Discussions is protected by U.S. Patent 9401941. Other patents pending.

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