

You Never Even Called Me By My Name by David Allan Coe

[Verse 1]

C G C  
Well, it was all that I could do to keep from cryin'  
F C  
Sometimes it seemed so useless to remain  
F C  
But you don't have to call me darlin' - darlin'  
C G C G  
You never even call me by my name

[Verse 2]

C G C  
You don't have to call me Waylon Jennings  
G C  
And you don't have to call me Charley Pride  
F C Am  
And you don't have to call me Merle Haggard anymore  
D G  
Even though you're on my fightin' side

[Chorus]

F C  
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me  
G C C7  
and I never minded standing in the rain  
F C  
But you don't have to call me darlin' - darlin'  
G C G  
You never even call me by my name

[Verse 3]

C G C  
Well, I've heard my name a few times in your phonebook, hello hello  
G C C7  
And I've seen it on signs where I've played  
F C Am  
But the only time I know I'll hear David Allan Coe  
D G  
Is when Jesus has his final judgement day

[Chorus]

F C  
So I'll hang around as long as you will let me  
G C C7

and I never minded standing in the rain.

F C  
But you don't have to call me darlin' - darlin'

G C G  
You never even call me by my name

[Recitation]

C G  
Well, a friend of mine named Steve Goodman wrote that song, and he told me  
it was

the perfect country and western song

I wrote him back a letter and told him

C  
It was not the perfect country and western song

G  
Because he hadn't said anything at all about mama

C G  
Or trains or trucks or prison or gettin' drunk

C  
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 and western song

And I felt obliged to include it on this album

The last verse goes like this here

[Verse 4]

C G C  
Well, I was drunk the day my mom got out of prison

G C C7  
And I went to pick her up in the rain

F C Am  
But before I could get to the station in a pickup truck

D G  
She got run'd over by a damned old train

[Chorus 2]

F C  
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me

G C C7

and I never minded standing in the rain

F

C

But you don't have to call me darlin' - darlin'

G

You never even called me

C

F

Well, I wonder why you don't call me

C

G

F

C

Why don't you ever call me by my name