

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