## **Memories**

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Memories of when I was a little boy, four years old
Waiting for my daddy to come home
And now I look into the eyes of my own son

Wondering what he's thinking of Waiting at the window when I come home Watch his eyes fill up with joy and wonder

He reaches out his tiny hand

I feel the bond 'tween boy and manMemories of my mom cryin'

My daddy gone for weeks at a time

Not knowing how to comfort her

Facin' my pillow, pretendin' not to hearNow I write this letter to my little boy I'm far away, not knowing really what to say

Except, "I'm sorry, oh, so sorry"I don't want to make these same

Mistakes my daddy made with me

Still his voice rolls off my tongue

When I say, "Boy, protect your mom" Memories of my wife cryin' on the phone

Wonderin' when I'm coming home

My voice sounds detached and cold

Reminds me of someone that I knewHe had a funny attitude

When I needed him to be

All the things only a daddy could be to meAnd I don't want to make the same

Mistakes my daddy made with me

Still his voice rolls off my tongue

When I say, "Not now, I'm busy son" Memories of lying in bed with my wife and son

Overwhelmed by so much love

Tryin' to explain how a man can cry

Yet still be happyThinking of all the dumb mistakes I've made

Now I understand my father's pain

He did the best with what he knew

I love you daddyI watched my son fall asleep

And wonder what he'll think of me

When years from now he sees his son

Reachin' out his tiny hands for love

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