Time Will Tell

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Time will tell, time will tell
Time alone will tell

When I was just a little boy
Only six years old
I asked my daddy
What big things my future hold
He said, Son, when you grow up
To be a man,
The facts of life
You will start to understand
Nobody knows
Just what tomorrow may bring
So I want to tell you now,
And listen while I sing

Father said,
Time will tell, time will tell
Time alone will tell

Now I'm a lonely man
Trying to make life on my own
Ever since the day I was born,
I never have a happy home
Just like the river,
I've been running ever since
The day I was born
In that broken down little town
I'm wondering now
Just what my gain will be
Cause it seems to me,
Happiness I'll never see

Mama said,
Time will tell, time will tell
Time alone will tell

What he say now,
Time will tell, time will tell

Time alone will tell

Time keeps on changing
Like the weather and the seasons
For every mistake, Mama said,
There must be a reason
After a storm,
There's got to be a calm
So I think I'll wait a while
And try to wear a smile

Mama said,
Time will tell, time will tell
Time alone will tell

What he say now,
Time will tell I know, I know!
Time will tell said I know
Time alone will tell

One more time now
Time will tell I believe
Time will tell oh yes, I do!
Time alone will tell I believe that

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