

What They Leave Behind

The Don Gilmore Band

All the love and the fear in her tearful eyes
And the pain she tries, very hard to hide
With shaking hands and quivered sighs
While clutching her baby tight.
Slowly kissing her husband goodbye
They pray that this would be the last time.

Verse Two

16 bars

He is leaving yet again
His wife and kids think he's Superman
But heroes only cry, when they have to say goodbye
Cause staying strong, you prolong
It's always hardest when you're gone
Kids say prayers, every day, that their Daddy is away

Chorus

The First words, the first steps
Birthdays and all the holidays
An empty chair at the table
And all the things that they're unable
To enjoy while away
Others take for granted everyday
All the little things that mean so much
Are what they leave behind

Verse Three

Duty called at the break of day
she'll be deployed so far away
Performing duties that she agreed
Instead of bedtime stories she wants to read.
Choking back the pain at the airport gate
Aching for all she leaves behind
Duties ahead on her mind
Wondering if for the last time

Verse Four

He's reading a letter
On a cot at the end of a day

Of how he'd had been so proud
Of his kids in the school play
And If he's lucky, maybe next week
When they're all around the Christmas tree
They'll see his face on video
If they have internet where he goes

Chorus Again

Outro
All the little things that mean so much
Is what they leave behind.

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