

# Keep It Between The Lines

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He was sitting beside me in the passenger seat  
As I looked through the windshield at the quiet little street  
He was smiling so proud as he gave me the key  
But inside I knew he was as nervous as me And I said daddy oh daddy are you sure I know how  
Are you sure that I'm ready to drive this car now  
He said I'm right here beside you and you're gonna do fine  
All you gotta do is keep it between the lines 'Cause it's a long narrow road  
Only the good Lord knows where it leads in the end but you got to begin  
So keep your hands on the wheel believe in the things that are real  
Just take your time and keep it between the lines I was sitting in my chair and sneaking a look at him  
Lying on the floor with his coloring book  
Then he caught me watching and he climbed on my knee  
He said daddy oh daddy would you do one with me Then I hugged him so tightly as we turned the page  
Said I haven't done this since I was your age  
He said I'm right here beside you and you're gonna do fine  
Daddy all you gotta do is keep it between the lines So we finished the picture and I put him to bed  
Got down on my knees and I bowed my head  
And I said father oh father I feel so alone  
Are you sure I can raise him with his mommy gone Then the answer came back so gentle and low  
And words of my daddy from so long ago  
Said I'm right here beside you and you're gonna do fine  
All you gotta do is keep it between the lines So keep your hands on the wheel believe in the things that are real  
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