

# While I Was Away

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By the time I made it home  
You were already in bed  
Chubby cheek pressed to the pillow  
By a bed time book you read  
And I noticed that you looked older  
Than you did yesterday  
You've been growing up  
While I was away You made a pile of leaves in the front yard  
I guess it's already fall  
By the look of them pictures your momma took  
The two of you had a ball  
And it made me glad, but a little sad  
To see those games you played  
I missed a lot of smiles  
While I was away For every dollar I earn there's a lesson you learn without me there  
And every day I'm on the go I'm prayin' that you know that your daddy cares  
'Cause the hardest part about workin' hard ain't the bills I gotta pay  
It's you growin' up while I was away And I found your note in the kitchen  
It's a real work of art  
A stickman holding your stick hand with "Daddy" written in a heart  
And it got me good 'cause I understood just what you meant to say  
You've been missing me too  
While I Was Away And for every dollar I earn there's a lesson you learn without me there  
For every day I'm on the go I'm prayin' that you know your daddy cares  
'Cause the hardest part about workin' hard ain't the bills I gotta pay  
It's you growin' up while I was away No the hardest part about working hard ain't the bills I gotta pay  
It's everything that I missed  
While I was away

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