

You Never Even Call Me By My Name - David Allen Coe

Standard tuning

Chords used: C G F Am

<one strum intro>

C G C
It was all that I could do to keep from cryin'

F C
Sometimes it seems so useless to remain

F C
You don't have to call me darlin', darlin'

G C
You never even call me by my name.

C G C
You don't have to call me Waylon Jennings (Tom Mendoza)

C G C
And you don't have to call me Charlie Pride. (David Hitz)

F C Am
You don't have to call me Merle Haggard, anymore. (Tom Georgens)

D G
Even though you're on my fightin' side.
(Even though I can't find a polite rhyme that fits)

<CHORUS>

F C
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me

C G C
And I never minded standin' in the rain.

F C
You don't have to call me darlin', darlin'

G C G
You never even call me by my name.

I've heard my name a few times in your phone book
I've seen it on signs where I've played
But the only time I know, I'll hear David Allan Coe
Is when Jesus has his final judgment day

<Repeat CHORUS>

then: the spoken part below has this played in the background:
(the numbers are complete bars)

C-2 G-4 C-2 G-2 C-1 G-1 and then C to finish out the rest.

Well, a friend of mine named Steve Goodman wrote that song and he told me it was the perfect country and western song. I wrote him back a letter and told him it was NOT the perfect country and western song, because he hadn't said anything about Momma, or trains, or trucks, or prison, or gettin' drunk. Well, he sat down and wrote another verse to the song and he sent it to me and after reading it, I realized that my friend had written the perfect country and western song. And I felt obliged to include it in this performance. The last verse goes like this here:

Well, I was drunk the day my Mom got outta prison.
And I went to pick her up in the rain.
But, before I could get to the station in my pickup truck
She got runned over by a damned old train.

<Repeat CHORUS>

And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
And I never minded standin' in the rain. No,
You don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even call me, I wonder why you don't call me
Why don't you ever call me by my name.