

# Mary J. Blige, Father In You

Can I talk to you, baby

When I was a little girl  
I didn't have a father  
And that's why I'm leaning on you..  
When I was a baby  
I didn't get a hug from daddy  
That's why I need a hug from you..

Ohh, It's not easy and  
I thank you for putting up with me  
When you don't have a daddy's love

To say that you...  
To say that I'm your little girl  
(Are his little girl, Oh why didn't you love me)  
And give you the love..(I need love yeah yeah yeah)  
you really deserve (And i believe I deserve it And that's why

[chorus]  
That's why I need, The father in you  
(I need the father in you, baby)  
That's why I need, (Please don't hurt me please)  
The father in you  
That's why I need (Oh that's why)  
The father in you (Really need you)  
That's why I need (Please be true)  
The father in you

Oh, things got bad, to the point  
Where mommy couldn't hold us down  
And that's when it hurt me so much  
To see her, To see her cry  
(Oh don't cry, momma don't cry momma)  
Each and every night  
(We're gonna be alright that's what I used to say)  
I said that some day  
That I would try to take his place  
But it was too hard;  
It was so hard trying to be a man and a woman  
And that's why I need the father in you

[chorus]  
That's why I need, (oh I needed)  
The father in you, (I put my trust on you)  
That's why I need, (Please don't let me down)  
The father in you.  
That's why I need,  
The father in you (I need the father in you)  
That's why I need (Hold my hand)  
The father in you

[Breakdown]

Because we never had one at home  
(No No No) As a little girl...  
So I understand, why daddy couldn't be there  
Cause it's so obvious nobody taught him, how to be father to me  
Oh and I'm not sayin this  
to reminisce on the past  
I'm just saying this to make you understand, That I needed a father  
And this is my problem  
This is why I couldn't keep no one  
This is why I couldn't stay alone

I was so scared alone  
Every woman needs a man  
And I don't think she understands  
That she really needs a father  
The father in you, my brother  
She really needed the father  
The father in you.  
When your wife is speaking fellas  
Pay attention, Yeah, don't ignore her  
No, no, no I really need the father in you.