

Bill Anderson, Mama's Face

(Glenn Martin)

My mama loved my dad for fifty years
She worked along beside him in the fields
He never gave her much but he gave her all he had
Dad's the only reason my mama lived.

Mama's face would light up like a diamond
Each time my daddy just walked in the room
She'd stop what she was doing and put her arms around him
Dad's the only world my mama knew.

Mama never saw her roses bloom
That year the angels came before the robin's song
Mama said, "She didn't mind goin' on ahead
"But heaven won't be heaven till dad is home."

When mama left she left dad a lonely man
But he talked to mama like she was still here
Oh, he'd talk about the hard times
And the good times that they'd had.

As his old mind slipped back across the years
Daddy never plowed his fields again
He just sat down to wait his time to come
And then one day he said, "I think I hear a choir sing."

And he closed his eyes and went to live with mom
Lord, I want to thank you for the years
That they were here for me to love
Though it's hard to let 'em go. Lord

You know I'd let 'em go again.
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And seen my mama's face
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