

# Collin Raye, If You Get There Before I Do

i read a note my grandma wrote  
back in 1923  
grandpa kept it in his coat  
and he showed it once to me

he said boy you might not understand  
but a long long time ago  
grandma's daddy didn't like me none  
but i loved your grandma so

we had this crazy plan to meet and run away together  
get married in the first town we came to and live forever  
but nailed to the tree where we were suppose to meet instead  
i found this letter and this is what it said:

if you get there before i do  
don't give up on me  
i'll meet you when my chores are through  
i don't know how long i'll be  
but i'm not gonna let you down  
darling wait and see  
and between now and then  
until i see you again  
i'll be lovin' you  
love, me

i read those words just hours before my grandma passed away  
in the doorway of the church where me and gandpa stopped to pray  
i know i've never seen him cry  
in all my fifteen years  
but as he said these words to her  
his eyes filled up with tears

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