

Tom Paxton, What Did You Learn In School Today

What did you learn in school today,
Dear little boy of mine?
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Dear little boy of mine?

I learned that Washington never told a lie
I learned that soldiers seldom die
I learned that everybody's free
And that's what the teacher said to me
And that's what I learned in school today,
that's what I learned in school.

What did you learn in school today,
Dear little boy of mine?
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Dear little boy of mine?

I learned the policemen are my friends
I learned that justice never ends
I learned that murderers pay for their crimes,
Even if we make a mistake sometimes
And that's what I learned in school today,
That's what I learned in school

What did you learn in school today,
Dear little boy of mine?
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I learned that war is not so bad
I learned about the great ones we had had
We fought in Germany and in France
And some day I might get my chance.
And that's what I learned in school today,
That's what I learned in school

What did you learn in school today,
Dear little boy of mine?
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Dear little boy of mine?

I learned our government must be strong
It's always right and never wrong!
Our leaders are the finest men
And we elect them again and again
And that's what I learned in school today,
That's what I learned in school