I got sent home from school one day with a shiner on my eye. Fightin' was against the rules and it didn't matter why. When dad got home I told that story just like I'd rehearsed. And then stood there on those tremblin' knees and waited for the worst.

And he said, "Let me tell you a secret about a father's love, A secret that my daddy said was just between us."

He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then.

It's a love without end, amen, it's a love without end, amen."

When I became a father in the spring of '81 There was no doubt that stubborn boy was just like my father's son.

And when I thought my patience had been tested to the end, I took my daddy's secret and I passed it on to him.

And he said, "Let me tell you a secret about a father's love, A secret that my daddy said was just between us." He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then.

It's a love without end, amen, it's a love without end, amen."

Last night I dreamed I died and stood outside those pearly gate s.

When suddenly I realized there must be some mistake. If they know half the things I've done, they'll never let me in

And then somewhere from the other side I heard these words agai ${\bf n}$.

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It's a love without end, amen, it's a love without end, amen."