

Holding Hands for Joe

Burl Ives

My date is a perfect angel
And it's a perfect night
For holding hands and talking
The setting is just right
I long to say I love you
But she must never know
For I'm only filling in
And holding hands for Joe

Joe called and asked me if I'd do
A favor while he's gone
And keep his sweetheart company
Until he got back home
And now I find I love her too
And mustn't let it show
I'm glad the darkness hides my tears
While holding hands for Joe

I took her to the movies
I even bought her flowers
Sat and listened to her talk
About her Joe for hours
But Joe you'd better hurry home
Cause buddy I don't know
If I can keep from holding hands
For me instead of Joe

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