

# When You Can't Remember

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It was tractors and combines  
Freezin' in deer blinds  
Sunburns from sittin'  
All day in the boat  
It was mud tires on my truck  
"Son, make your own luck"  
"Yes, ma'am" and "No, ma'am"  
Do what she told you

It was "Boy, take your best shot  
Good name's all that you've got  
Take care of your sister  
The best you know how"  
It was "Stand on your own feet  
Give God the glory"  
That's what you taught me  
So I'll tell you now

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Why you stand where you do  
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We stayed together  
Like you prayed that we would  
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It was barrooms and guitars  
Dreamin' on big stars  
Payin' those dues  
'Cause that's what we do  
It was marriage and babies  
"Son, that's your lady  
You love that girl  
And cherish those children"

Now it's grandkids and, "Son, when you think we'll go fishin'?"  
How'd it become the "Cat's in the Cradle" so soon?  
And all of these beautiful memories I cherish  
Is my way of saying, "Dad, I love you"

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