Had to grow up before I started shaving
More worried about mama than running and playing outside
She didn't sleep at night, I guess neither did I
I don't know how she did, what she did but, she did it
Knew someone was missing but, for her, I hid it
She had enough on her plate, so I tried to take his place

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And hold on when you can't
She won't tell you but, she needs you
And you can't let her down
So, hide those shakin' hands
Be a rock when you feel like sand
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Just a boy trying to be the man of the house

Someone new shows up with some flowers
They go out for a couple of hours
Home alone's fun for any other kid
But I couldn't watch her go through it again
Tryin' to fill shoes that ain't my size
But, the world don't give a damn about the age of the dog in the fight

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Married my girl and we had a few babies
Trying to give them the childhood life never gave me
Know they probably can't tell
That I'm still telling myself

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Just a boy trying to be the man of the house Still a boy trying to be the man of the house