

# Those I've Loved

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I remember waitin' by the curb with Mr. Murphy  
When daddy picked me up from school his eyes were red  
We drove to the hospital in a hurry  
Where my family gathered 'round my grandpa's bed

He was my best friend, he taught me how to fish  
And I cried listenin' to my daddy pray  
For one of those I've loved along the way

She had a ribbon in her hair the day I met her  
That whole next year we couldn't get enough  
After graduation she took off for Denver  
And for a while we both tried to keep in touch

She was my best friend and it broke my heart  
But I don't regret the day that she became  
One of those I've loved along the way

And I hope they know I never would've made it this far on my own  
'Cause where would we all be without those  
Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers  
The friends I've made, the long lost lovers  
I wouldn't be who I am today  
If not for those I've loved along the way, along the way

Now I'm just a country boy with a guitar  
Lookin' back down this old road I've been travelin' on  
It was never about tryin' to be some big star  
For me it's always been about these songs

You see they're my best friends, they're the life I live  
And I hope they've put a smile on the face  
Of those that I've loved along the way  
'Cause I wouldn't be the man I am today  
If not for those I've loved along the way, along the way, along  
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