In the fights they had he'd cover up his ears
Thought big boys don't cry, fought back all the tears
Mama'd use her make up, to hide the bruises on his face
In the morning they'd pretend that there'd never ever been a trace
His old man woke him up to help him find the car
Take the bus uptown outside some rundown bar
And swore that he was quittin
And then he'd start to cry
And though the boy knew the truth
Sometimes he'd still believe that lie

When the sins of the father are the sins of the son All you do is crawl when you wanna run And God gave boys their mamas cause They always see their promise And they help them understand How to walk like a man Walk like a man

They moved a lot of places, they never settled down

It got pretty old being the new kid in town

He always told his friends, my daddy's sick today

Said he'd be rich if he had a nickel every time he heard his mama say

The sins of the father are the sins of the son Crawl before you walk, boy Walk before you run Come on, stand up straight, I'm proud of you Take my hand I know you can Walk like a man Walk like a man

Your daddy's demons are callin' your name Don't you listen to them cause they've got no claim Temptations may come, that ain't no sin You get stronger every time that you don't give in

The sins of the father are the sins of the son You can't undo what has been done You'll have to retrace his footsteps Through the sand And pray you find the love of a girl And take her by the hand And walk on Walk like a man