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Twenty one boy twenty one

Now you were just a young feller son the night your mama died You don't remember but we were right there by mama's side Your ma had a sickness son all the works she'd done

And she prayed all her life that God would let her raise you to be twenty one

Now me and you never moved the town boy we just kept on living here

And life's been pretty tough son with the past twenty one years I remember when you were just a little feller I sued to take yo u to church

And it seemed my boy in the choir

With the other boys kinda give old dad's heart a jerk

You sounded like a little angel boy and to me you sure did look sweet

Even though your little ragged britches came halfway to your little feet

After the service was over it filled your papa's heart full of joy

When the preacher petted you on your little head

Looked over me and say you sure got a fine little boy

Then me and you we'd get in the wagon and you'd look over me an d smile

Then I'd hand you the line and let you drive the team for a whi le

Yeah boy me and you had lot of fun we smiled through a lot of tears

And I wish you could have been a boy for a many million years But if it's true son that time takes its toe

That's why the boys grow up and men grow old

Yeah life's been tough for you and me too son

And I prayed to God to let me raise ye to be twenty one But tonight my life's bout over and my work on earth's bout don

I guess I'll go to see the Lord and live with your mama Cause tonight son you're twenty one