

# You Never Even Called Me By My Name

key:C, artist:David Allan Coe

(Written by Steve Goodman and John Prine)

Verse 1:

Well it was [C] all that I could [G7] do to keep from [C] cryin'  
Some [F] times it seemed so useless to re [C] main  
But [F] you don't have to call me darlin' [C] darlin'  
You never even [G7] call me by my [C] name [G7]

Verse 2:

[C] You don't have to [G7] call me Waylon [C] Jennings  
And you don't have to [G7] call me Charley [C] Pride [C7]  
And [F] you don't have to call me Merle [C] Haggard any [Am] more  
[D7] Even though you're on my fightin' [G7] side

Chorus 1:

And I'll [F] hang around as long as you will [C] let me  
and I never minded [G7] standing in the [C] rain [C7]  
But [F] you don't have to call me darlin' [C] darlin'  
You never even [G7] call me by my [C] name [G7]

Verse 3:

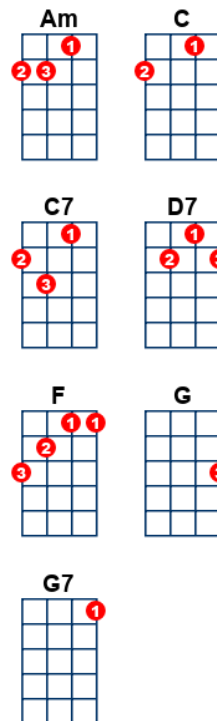
Well [C] I've seen my name a [G7] few times in the [C] phonebook (hello hello)  
And on the neon sign of the [G7] bar I used to [C] own [C7]  
There's [F] only one thing that I'm really [C] sure [Am] of  
I want to [D7] hear it when it's time to call me [G7] home

Chorus 1:

So, I'll [F] hang around as long as you will [C] let me  
and I never minded [G7] standing in the [C] rain [C7]  
But [F] you don't have to call me darlin' [C] darlin'  
You never even [G7] call me by my [C] name [G7]

Recitation:

[C] (Steve Goodman and John Prine wrote that much of the song.  
A few weeks later [G] Steve called John and said he'd added a verse  
And now it was the perfect country and western song  
So [F] John asked why it needed changing and Steve said  
Because he [C] hadn't said anything at all about [F] Mama  
Or [G] trains or [F] trucks or [C] prison or gettin' [G] drunk  
So, he [F] sat down and wrote another verse to the song  
and he [C] played it for John over the phone.  
After that, John realized  
That he helped [F] Steve write the perfect country and western [C] song.  
So, they [F] had to let David Alan Coe put it on an [C] album.) [G7]



Verse 4:

Well I was [C]drunk the day my [G7] mom got out of [C]prison  
And I [C]went to pick her [G7] up in the [C]rain [C7]  
But be[F]fore I could get to the station in my [C]pickup [Am]truck  
[D7] She got run'd over by a damned old [G7] train

Chorus 2:

So, I'll [F] hang around as long as you will [C] let me  
and I never minded [G7] standing in the [C] rain [C7]  
But [F]you don't have to call me darlin'[C] darlin'  
You never even [G7] call me  
Well [C] honey why you don't [F]call me  
Why [C] don't you ever [G7] call me by my [F] name? [C]