**He Didn’t Have to Be**

Capo 2nd fret

**G C G C**

**G**

**When a single mom goes out on a date with**

**C**

**somebody new**

 **D C**

**It always winds up feeling more like a job**

 **G**

**interview**

**G C**

**My momma used to wonder if she'd ever meet someone**

 **D**

**Who wouldn't find out about me and then**

**Am G**

**turn around and run**

**G C**

**I met the man I call my Dad when I was five years old**

 **D C**

**He took my mom out to a movie and for once**

 **G**

**I got to go**

**G C**

**A few months later I remember lying there in bed D**

**I over heard him pop the question and I**

 **Am G**

**prayed that she'd say yes… And then,**

**Am D**

**All of a sudden, oh, it seemed so strange to me**

 **G**

**How we went from something's missing to a**

**C**

**family**

**Am D**

**Looking back all I can say about all the**

 **Em C**

**things he did for me**

**Am D**

**Is I hope I'm at least half the Dad that he**

 **G C**

**didn't have to be.**

**G**

**I met the girl who's now my wife about**

**C**

**three years ago**

 **D C**

**We had the perfect marriage, but we wanted**

 **G**

**something more**

**G C**

**Now here I stand surrounded by our family and friends**

 **D**

**Crowded round the nursery window as they**

**Am G**

**bring the baby in… And now,**

**Am D**

**All of a sudden, oh, it seemed so strange to me**

 **G**

**How we've gone from something's missing to**

 **C**

**a family**

**Am D**

**Looking through the glass I think about the**

 **Em C**

**man who’s standing next to me**

**Am D**

**And I hope I'm at least half the Dad that**

 **G C Am D**

**he didn't have to be!**

**Am D**

**Looking back all I can say about all the**

 **Em C**

**things he did for me**

**Am D**

**Is I hope I'm at least half the Dad that he**

 **G C**

**didn't have to be.**

**C G**

**Because he didn’t have to be.**

**C G**

**You know, he didn’t have to be.**

**C G C G C**