

Soldier's Light

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You missed my first step.

My first words, Dad,

This house is filled with pictures of someone I never had.

I know I've known your voice

I think I know your smile

Mommy says your clothes haven't smelled like your clothes in a while.

I know I've read all your letters that say how you're doin' it for me

And Mommy says how you're keeping us safe even though

it might not be easy to see

We'll leave the light until Daddy comes home.

We'll leave the light on for our soldier.

To remember all the fallen, fought, and all of those who served.

The soldiers that were beaten, and forever burn,

We'll leave the light on!

Late at night, when Mommy thinks she's all alone

I hear pray to God

"Lord, I don't know how much longer I can hold us together.

Alone, it's becoming so hard"

I know I've read all your letters that say how you do it for me.

And Mommy says how you're keeping us safe

Even though it might not be easy to see.

Mommy, we'll leave the light on until Daddy comes home.

We'll leave the light on for our soldier.