

My Father

by Judy Collins (1972)

A E/G# F#m A/E Bm/D A/C# Esus4 E A G# F# E D B A walkdown

A Ama7 F#m A/E D Bm7 A A
My father always promised us that we would live in France
A E F#m A/E D Bm7 Esus4 E
We'd go boating on the Seine and I would learn to dance
F#m F#m B7 B7 E Ema7 E6 E E D# C# B walkdown
We lived in Ohio then, he worked in the mines
Em G/D A7/C# A7 D C A A
On his streams like boats we knew we'd sail in time

D A/C# Bm7 A E E connect verses with this

All my sisters soon were gone to Denver and Cheyenne
Marrying their grownup dreams the lilacs and the man
I stayed behind the youngest still, only danced alone
The colors of my father's dreams faded without a sigh

And I live in Paris now, my children dance and dream
Hearing the ways of a miner's life in words they've never seen
I sail my memories afar like boats across the Seine
And watch the Paris sun as it sets in my father's eyes again

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