

# JOHN DAVID'S SONG

(TALKIN' TO BABY)

written for / dedicated to John David Merrifield  
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VERSES I, II

John David Mer - ri - field I'm not sure if you are real  
 You have so much to see Yel - low ish bum - ble bees

How does a ba - by feel, can you tell  
 Climbing in au - tumn trees can I take

me ? la - ter on? What could we talk a - bout  
 you ? I'll show you sun - ny skies

un - til you can walk a - bout I'll  
 tur - tles and but - ter flies

Show you the sights to see as you're grow - ing  
 Carriage and po - ny rides when you're old - er

CHORUS

I've never ever been an un - cle

E<sub>m</sub>

F

this is all new for me too

So if you will forgive me 'cause I'm

D<sub>m</sub>

6

sure to fumble until I get used to holding you un-

G<sup>7</sup>

1.

til I get used to you being with us

2. VERSES III, IV

C

I'll teach you some of the simple things so much that I can know

The from

6

G<sup>7</sup>

music that children sing watching you as you grow

Swingin' on ti - re swings seeing you trust me so

C

6

In the summer as I hold you

1st in my arms we

C 6

Sleeping be-neath the stars  
all need to com-prehend

the love of a trust-ing friend

Strummin' on folk guitars

6<sup>7</sup>

the

Maybe we'll make some smores  
need to be in - no-cent

On the camp-  
Can you teach

C C<sup>7</sup> BRIDGE 1. F

fire  
us?

John  
I've

David I'll tell you a se-

Em

cret

that only a few grownups know

I

F Dm 6

hope you'll be learn - in' as you grow old - er you need to be child - like in

6<sup>7</sup>

order to grow you need to be as a child

There's

CHORUS

2. F.

never ever been an un- cle this is all new for me too

Em

So if you will for give me 'cause I'm sure to fum - ble un -

F Dm

til I get used to hold - in' you un - til I get used to you

G G7

VERSE V

I'm lookin' for - ward to

C

spendin' some time with you learnin' a thing or two

G G7

dear Neph - ew

rit. C F C