You Never Even Called Me By My Name
Steve Goodman and John Prine

G D G C D G
It was all that I could do to keep from cryin'
Sometimes it seems so useless to remain
You don't have to call me darlin', darlin'
You never even call me by my name

G D G C D G
You don't have to call me Waylon Jennings
And you don't have to call me Charlie Pride
And you don't have to call me Merle Haggard...anymore
Even though you're on my fightin' side

Chorus:

C G C D G
And I'll hang around as long as you will let me
'Cause I never minded standin' in the rain
You don't have to call me Darlin', Darlin'
But you never even call me by my name

G D G C D G
Well I've seen my name a few times in the phone book
And I've seen it on the signs where I've played
But the only time I know I'll hear "David Allen Coe"
Is when Jesus has his final judgment day

Chorus

Talk:
"Well, a friend of mine, Steve Goodman, wrote this song and he said it was the perfect country and western song.

I wrote him back a letter and told him that it was not the perfect country-western song because he hadn't said anything at all about Momma, or trains, or trucks, or prison, or getting drunk.

Well, he sat down and wrote another verse to the song and he sent it to me and, after reading it, I realized that my friend had written the perfect country-western song, and I felt obliged to include it on this album.
The last verse goes like this here:"
Well I was drunk the day my Momma got out of prison And I went to pick her up in the rain
But before I could get to the station in my pickup truck
My Momma, she got run over by a damned old train

Chorus:
So I'll hang around as long as you will let me 'Cause I never minded standin' in the rain
You don't have to call me Darlin', Darlin' But you never even call me . . . .
I wonder why you don't call me... Why don't you even call me by my name?

"You Never Even Called Me by My Name" written by Steve Goodman and John Prine and recorded by country music singer David Allan Coe.