

Orphan Town

He lives across the tracks
On the other side of town
In some run-down shacks
Called Orphan Town

And every evenin' when the sun goes down
In a tiny room in Orphan Town
A little boy gets down on one knee
And these are the words that he says

**Dear Lord hear my prayer
They tell me that your love is everywhere
Please send me a mom and dad to take me home
I want a place I can call my own**

**I can't run real fast, it takes me a while
But I got a great big heart and winning smile
I'll be a good boy just you wait and see
All I need is a family
Please Lord hear my prayer**

Every morning when the sun comes up
Little Johnnie is the first one out of his bunk
He grabs his crutch and hops to the glass
He stares at the bright and shiny cars filing past

Moms and dads are waiting outside
You can see the glimmer of hope in his eyes

Maybe today somebody will take him away
Make him a little boy they can call their own
He flashes a smile, waves his hand
Maybe they will take him to his promised land

Repeat Chorus

Each afternoon he's with the kids at the top of the line
He's in his clean clothes and looks fine
He leans on his crutch and smiles as parents walk in

But no one stops to talk as they hurry past him
He's seen their stares countless times and he's only four
It's nothing new
He hasn't seen before

He fights back the tears crowding his eyes
He refuses to let them see him cry

He takes his crutch and quietly leaves
Once outside, he wipes a runny nose on a rolled-up sleeve

He folds his clothes and puts them away
Maybe a mom and dad will come another day

**Dear Lord hear his prayer
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Please send him a mom and dad to take him home
To a place he can all his own**

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