

PAPA WAS A ROLLIN' STONE (Norman Whitfield, Barrett Strong)

Originally recorded by Undisputed Truth. Recorded by the Temptations a few months later.

Em

Am

It was the third of September; that day I'll always re-member,

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'Cause that was the day, that my daddy died.

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I never got a chance to see him;

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Never heard nothin' but bad things about him.

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Mama, I'm depending on you, to tell me the truth.

Chorus:

(Spoken):

Mama just hung her head and said; "son...

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Papa was a rollin' stone; wherever he laid his hat, was his home.

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And when he died, all he left us was a-lone".

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Hey, Mama, I heard Papa call himself a jack of all trades;

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Tell me, is that what sent Papa to an early grave?

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Folks say Papa would beg borrow or steal to pay his bills.

Hey, Mama, folks say Papa was never much on thinkin';

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Spend most of his time chasin' women and drinkin'!

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Mama, I'm depending on you, to tell me the truth.

Chorus 2:

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(Repeat to Fade)