

# Pat Alger·Tony Arata



*I'm forever grateful that I showed up to write on this particular day – when Garth started to explain the idea, I couldn't wait to write it because I knew just what he meant. The day we wrote it Garth and I played it at an Oklahoma Writer's night at the Bluebird Cafe. After the first chorus the audience spontaneously applauded and we knew we had caught a big one. Thanks to Larry Bastian for helping hone in on the concept.*

## UNANSWERED PRAYERS

(Pat Alger, Larry Bastian, Garth Brooks)

Just the other night at a hometown football game  
My wife and I ran into my old high-school flame  
And as I introduced them the past came back to me  
And I couldn't help but think of  
the way things used to be

She was the one I wanted for all time  
Each night I spent praying  
that God would make her mine  
And if He'd only grant me that wish  
I wished back then  
I'd never ask for anything again

Sometimes I thank God  
For Unanswered Prayers  
Remember when you're talking  
To the man upstairs  
Just because He doesn't answer  
Doesn't mean He don't care  
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She wasn't quite the Angel  
I remembered in my dreams  
And I could tell time had changed me  
in her eyes too it seemed  
We tried to talk about the old days —  
there wasn't much we could recall  
I guess the Lord knows what He's doing after all

And as we walked away I looked at my wife  
And then and there I thanked the good Lord  
For the gifts in my life

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