A SONG WRITTEN FOR ZACH

Always Staying Near

Birthday



You offered free training just to speak
That unofficial date felt new
After that session, you made me weak
You asked me out; I said yes to you
You brought me flowers on our real date
And treated me just like a lady
You traded sunny California skies
For drizzly England, to be by my side

> *Zach, thank you for always staying near*
> *You held me close when times got rough*
> *Through every fear, you're always here*
> *You never gave up on us*

At the gym, you give it all you've got
At home, you make our meals with care
You put us first, no matter what
Your caring heart is always there
You're an amazing dad, that's clear
Keeping Peyton and Xander safe and near
After our daughter had been born
The heavy blood loss left me worn
I feared that sleep meant I might die
You stayed close till the morning sky

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On your birthday, I want you to know
On every road ahead, I'll stay near
For all you've been, your love will show
My heart will meet each coming year

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> *You held me close when times got rough*
> *Through every fear, you're always here*
> *You never gave up on us*

That first real date still warms my heart
Your love remains my favorite part

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