

# “please don’t take me”

## A Song of Redemption & Healing

Written by Donald F. Perkins & Vicki Lynn



### Lyrics

When I was just a baby,  
Still in my mother's womb  
I heard him say "Don't keep her"  
From the other room  
I grew and grew inside her  
As healthy as can be  
No they're glad they kept me  
God's so good you see  
Please don't take me,  
Please don't take me

I'm that little heart beating  
Deep inside of you  
And when I kick your tummy  
A mile will come to you  
It's my way of saying  
I'm growing big and strong  
And when I finally get here  
I'll be at home  
Please don't take me  
Please don't take me

Please don't take me,  
I'll be closer than a friend  
Please don't take me,  
I'll be with you 'til the end  
Please don't take me  
I'm a living soul  
Please don't take me  
I'll be there when you're old  
Please don't take me

You'll be glad you kept me  
When I look into your eyes  
I look just like you  
That's no big surprise  
Now I'm a little girl,  
I love to run and play  
My parents are watching over me  
Each and every day  
So glad you kept me  
So glad you kept me

Now that I am grown  
I've been truly blessed  
God's given me a husband  
And I think he's the best  
Now I'm a mommy,  
And he's a daddy  
Oh and we're so happy  
We're a family

Please don't take them  
They'll be closer than a friend  
If you've done this,  
There's forgiveness in heaven

Please don't take them,  
Oh please, don't take them  
Please don't take them

**Please Don't Take Me** is a song born from a powerful story of love, sacrifice, and healing. The song's journey began with a 74-year-old construction worker, Donald F. Perkins, who felt called by God to share a deeply personal decision he made years ago: to keep his daughter despite facing the difficult choice of abortion. Inspired in the middle of the night, Donald poured his story onto paper, though he had never written a song or played an instrument.

Seeking someone to help bring his words to life, Donald turned to a worship leader who pointed him to Vicki Lynn, a Nashville-based artist and close friend of Donald's sister-in-law. Vicki felt an immediate connection to the story, not only as a songwriter but as someone who had experienced the complex emotions and healing journey herself. With guitarist Ray Shavers, Vicki helped shape Donald's story into a moving ballad, infusing it with grace, mercy, and a message of hope.

**Please Don't Take Me** was crafted with compassion for those who have struggled with similar decisions, offering comfort to anyone dealing with guilt, shame, and self-forgiveness. The song was created and recorded at Nashville Sound Studios, where Vicki worked to ensure it would touch hearts and guide listeners toward healing.

The song not only celebrates Donald's choice and his family's blessings, but it also acknowledges the redemption and grace available to all. Both Donald and Vicki now enjoy the love of their families and grandchildren, a testament to their journeys. **Please Don't Take Me** serves as a reminder that, even in our most difficult choices, there is always a path to forgiveness, healing, and hope.

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