

It is with trembling hands and a bowed heart that we present this song to Cliff and Vicki Schrauger, two fellow believers who have been called to live out their faith through an unspeakable heartbreak, the loss of their two young sons, Josh and Timmy.

In response to this tragedy, God has stirred up tremendous, uncontainable compassion in the community towards this dear family. If you have given in prayer, in kind words, in monetary comfort or in tears, thank you and God bless you in all the days and years to come.

This song is dedicated to Josh and Timmy Schrauger.

May you rest in peace, dear brothers.

God Bless,
Pastor Tom, Chuck, and Morgan

Dear Brothers

The night I heard that you were gone
So hard to call your mom and dad up on the phone
We all cried long-distance tears
Oh brothers, we all wish you were still right here

It was on the news for days and days
Brothers gone in such a sudden way
Far too young, the preacher said
Everyone in the county stopped and bowed
their head

CHORUS:
Oh brothers, dear brothers
We counted on more years
Now God knows what we'd give for just one day
Oh brothers, dear brothers
We miss you both down here
But God knows you are in the better place
Dear brothers

I recall the guitar store
Your eyes were wide and your fingers were
so sore
Johnny Cash, the Gospel way,
A quiet fell on the young ones when they heard you play

And you, little brother, you always made me laugh out loud
With the things that you would say
We miss your smile, we miss your dance
If I'd only known, I'd have joined in while I
had the chance

CHORUS:
Oh brothers, dear brothers
We counted on more years
Now God knows what we'd give for just one day
Oh brothers, dear brothers

We miss you both down here
But God knows you are in the better place
Dear brothers

BRIDGE:

The Lord He gives
And takes away and takes away and takes some more away
I wish that I could know just what He's trying so painfully to say

CHORUS:

Oh brothers, dear brothers
We counted on more years
Now God knows what we'd give for just one day
Oh brothers, dear brothers
We miss you both down here
But God knows you are in the better place
And I can see you smiling saying,
"Just you wait."

Oh brothers, dear brothers
We'll have to wait