

Father's Day

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Dear ole Dad

In May we have Mother's Day,
An important occasion in every way.
Women are much better Mother's than men,
Without them our life would not begin.
She waited 9 whole months for us to arrive,
Gave us milk in order to survive,
1st thing an infant learns is the odor of his/her mother.

'Yes, Moms' very important but,
Fathers are important too: 'Good Fathers,'
Not those who have left the scene,
Never more to be seen.

Perhaps not even child support check around
to be found,
Well, Dad contributes 50% of a child's
genes.

But there is so much more,
They can contribute.
More than just bringing home the bacon,
A good father cares for his children.

He should love them, ... in a positive way.
Provide their physical needs,
Spend time with them,
Create a nurturing atmosphere,
For them to grow.

When they do wrong chasten them,
Chasten, but NOT abuse--
Spare the rod; spoil the child,
The surest way to ruin your child,
Is to give them everything they want.

Being a good husband,
In a family's relationship,
Quality time with your wife --
Go on a romantic date --
Every week go on a date with your wife:
One week something you like,
The next an activity that brings her delight!
In the family, "If Mama ain't happy,
Ain't nobody happy."
When his wife is happy then he is happy.
That's beautiful isn't it?
A child needs a lot of time to develop,
So give a child guidance, and find nurture.
It takes a long time till they're mature.

Then there are BAD Fathers,
Not only are they not good,
But out-and-out abusive,
To their wife and their children,
That they helped make,
All sorts of abuse emotionally,
Physically, sexual or just plain neglect.

Some say that King James (Clifford James)
Is the greatest basketball player ever.
He never played a college game.

He spoke how [having] no Father in home
affected him:
Grew up in Akron, Ohio, violence and drugs
plain crazy,
But his mother put food on his plate,
And he had basketball.

He became an NBA great;
He brought back to Cleveland
Something they hadn't had in years:
A champion for the Cleveland Cavaliers.



Last champion Cleveland had way back to
Browns NFL almost 60 years ago.
Cleveland was a deteriorating city
But King James changed all that:
Brought back new life and vitality.

Yes, Mother's Day, a great big holiday.
But Good Fathers are important:
Able to contribute to healthy family,

Besides just bring home the bacon;
A good marriage Father & Mother
Who have good control of their children, and
provide,
And raise correctly, they can be ready,
In getting a good start,
When they leave the nest
To make a mark on the world.

---Mark Rockefeller

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--- Mark Rockefeller, June, 2017 <presumed date>

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