

the ONE about being a Dad

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To be a dad brings lots of joy,
but can bring heartache too;
before you give your life away,
take time to think it through.

To be a dad can start right now,
regardless of the past;
so make some changes to ensure,
your legacy will last.

To be a dad is something that's,
a worthy lifetime goal;
so don't look back and realize,
you failed in the role.

To be a dad you should set rules,
which they must then obey;
when young they'll fight against you,
but protected they will stay.

To be a dad's important job,
so please don't treat it light;
remember that when on a date,
which lasts for just a night.

To be a dad you need to build,
your children's self-esteem;

don't knock them down through unkind words,
or kill their every dream.

To be a dad you must admit,
when you have got it wrong;
“Sorry” doesn't mean you're weak,
but shows that you are strong.

To be a dad is making sure,
your promises to keep;
be extra careful what you say,
as words can come so cheap.

To be a dad should really be,
a high priority;
some other things you do must go,
it's 'us' and not just 'me'.

To be a dad is so much more,
than sperm that once you gave;
and after that abandonment,
without a goodbye wave.

To be a dad please listen to,
the problems that they share;
some time spent with them one-on-one,
will show you really care.

To be a dad you still can be,
with kids who aren't your own;
adopting them into your heart,

and giving them a home.

To be a dad you'll often feel,
that you are walking blind;
as school did not prepare you,
so your own way you must find.

To be a dad learn how to give,
some freedom to their soul;
allow them to express themselves,
it'll keep them well and whole.

To be a dad you let them make,
their own unique mistakes;
for then they'll gain experience,
and from it lessons take.

To be a dad means giving them,
responsibility;
nurturing so they become,
the best that they can be.

To be a dad goes really quick,
[they grow up very fast];
you'll never get those years again,
enjoy it while it lasts.

To be a dad as they leave home,
can often feel quite strange;
supporting them in adulthood,
will bring a lot of a change.

To be a dad is not the same,
as being their best mate;
so take your role more seriously,
before it is too late.

To be a dad then hold your tongue,
when things have turned to shit;
don't judge but give the help they need,
to lift them from their pit.

To be a dad of adult kids,
who now have moved away;
you can advise but can't control,
the things they do and say.

To be a dad is more than just,
a quick shag in the bed;
but lifetime of commitment,
from their birth until you're dead.

To be a dad when they grow up,
is still important role;
to be someone to talk to,
and a safe space for their soul.

To be a dad leaves legacy,
though whether bad or good;
depends upon the answer to,
"Did you do all you could?"

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