

A Poem for Dad

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All Girls	Her hair was up in a pony tail Her favorite dress tied with a bow. Today was Daddy's Day at school, And she couldn't wait to go.
All Boys	But her mommy tried to tell her, That she probably should stay home. Why, the kids might not understand, If she went to school alone.
All Girls	But she was not afraid; She knew just what to say, What to tell her classmates Of why he wasn't there today.
All	But still her mother worried, For her to face this day alone. And that was why she tried once more, To keep her daughter home.
Boy 1 Solo	But the little girl went to school, Eager to tell them all About a dad she never sees, A dad who never calls.
All Boys	There were daddies along the wall in back, For everyone to meet. Children squirming impatiently, Anxious in their seats.
All	One by one the teacher called The students from the class To introduce their daddies, And seconds slowly passed.
All	At last the teacher called her name, All children turned to stare. Each of them was searching, For a man who wasn't there.
Boy 2 Solo	"Where's her daddy?" She heard a boy call out. "She probably doesn't have one," Another dared to shout.
All Boys	And from a corner near the back, She heard a daddy say, "Looks like another deadbeat dad, Who couldn't waste his day."

Girl 1 Solo	The words did not offend her, As she smiled up at her Mom. And looked back at her teacher, Who told her to go on.
All	And with her hands behind her, She slowly started to speak. And out from the mouth of a child, Came words incredibly unique.
Girl 2 Solo	“My Daddy couldn’t be here, He lives so far away. But I know he wishes he could be, On such a special day. And though you cannot meet him I wanted you to know. All about my Daddy, And how much he loves me so.
Girl 3 Solo	He loved to tell me stories, He taught me to ride my bike. He surprised me with pink roses, And taught me to fly a kite. We used to share fudge sundaes, And ice cream in a cone. And though you cannot see him, I’m not standing here alone.
Girl Duet 4 & 5	“Cause my daddy’s always with me, Even though we are apart. I know because he told me, He’s forever in my heart.”
Boy 3 Solo	With that, her little hand reached up, And lay across her chest, Feeling her own heartbeat Beneath her favorite dress.
All Girls	And from somewhere in the crowd of dads, Her mother stood in tears. Proudly watching her daughter, Who was wise beyond her years.
All Boys	For she stood up for the love Of a man not in her life. Doing what was best for her, Doing what was right.
All	And when she dropped her hand back down, Stared straight into the crowd, She finished with a voice so soft, But its message clear and loud.

Boys 4 & 5 Duet	And then she closed her eyes, And saw him there that day. And to her mother's amazement, She witnessed with surprise. A room full of daddies and children, Also closing their eyes.
All Boys	Who knows what they saw before them, Who knows what they felt inside. Perhaps for merely a second, They saw him at her side.
Girl 8 Solo	"I know you're with me Daddy,"
All	To the silence she called out. And what happened next made believers, Of those once filled with doubt. Not one in that room could explain it, For each of their eyes had been closed. But there on the desk beside her, Laid a sweet long-stemmed pink rose.
All	And a child was blessed, If only for a moment, By the love of her shining bright star. And given the gift of believing That heaven is never too far.
All Girls	They say it takes a minute to find a special person,
All Boys	An hour to appreciate them, A day to love them.
All	But then an entire life to forget them.