

Fatherhood through Music

Father & Daughter

by: Paul Simon

If you ever awake
In the mirror of a bad dream
And for a fraction of a second,
You can't remember where you are
Just open your window
And follow your memories
Upstream
To the meadow in the mountain
Where we counted every falling star

I believe the light that shines on you
Will shine on you forever
(forever)
And though I can't guarantee there's
nothing scary
Hidin' under your bed
I'm gonna
Stand guard
Like the postcard
Of the golden retriever
And never leave
'Til I leave you
With a sweet dream in your head

I'm gonna watch you shine
Gonna watch you grow
Gonna paint a sign
So you always know
As long as one and one is two
Ooh ooh
There could never be a father
Love his daughter more than I love
you

Trust your intuition
It's just like going fishin'
You cast your line and
Hope you get a bite

But you don't need to waste your
time
Worryin' about the marketplace
Trying to help the human race
Struggling to survive
It's as harsh as night

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You Can Let Go

by: Crystal Shawanda

Wind blowin' on my face
Sidewalk flyin' beneath my bike
A five year-old's first taste
Of what freedom's really like
He was runnin' right beside me
His hand holdin' on the seat
I took a deep breath and hollered
As I headed for the street

You can let go now, Daddy
You can let go
Oh, I think I'm ready
To do this on my own
It's still a little bit scary
But I want you to know
I'll be ok now, Daddy
You can let go

I was standin' at the altar
Between the two loves of my life
To one I've been a daughter
To one I soon would be a wife
When the preacher asked,
'Who gives this woman?'
Daddy's eyes filled up with tears
He kept holdin' tightly to my arm
'Till I whispered in his ear

You can let go now, Daddy
You can let go
Oh, I think I'm ready
To do this on my own
It still feels a little bit scary
But I want you to know
I'll be ok now, Daddy
You can let go

It was killin' me to see
The strongest man I ever knew
Wastin' away to nothin'
In that hospital room
'You know he's only hangin' on for
you'
That's what the night nurse said
My voice and heart were breakin'
As I crawled up in his bed, and
said

You can let go now, Daddy
You can let go
Your little girl is ready
To do this on my own
It's gonna be a little bit scary
But I want you to know
I'll be ok now, Daddy
You can let go
You can let go

My child arrived just the other day
He came to the world in the usual way
But there were planes to catch and bills
to pay
He learned to walk while I was away
And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as
he grew
He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, Dad
You know I'm gonna be like you"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver
spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home, Dad
I don't know when, but we'll get together
then
You know we'll have a good time then

My son turned ten just the other day
He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come
on let's play
Can you teach me to throw", I said "Not
today
I got a lot to do", he said, "That's ok"
And he walked away but his smile never
dimmed
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah
You know I'm gonna be like him"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver
spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home, Dad
I don't know when, but we'll get together
then
You know we'll have a good time then

Well, he came from college just the other
day
So much like a man I just had to say
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a

while"
He shook his head and said with a smile
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the
car keys
See you later, can I have them please"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver
spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home son
I don't know when, but we'll get together
then, Dad
You know we'll have a good time then

I've long since retired, my son's moved
away
I called him up just the other day
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't
mind"
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the
time
You see my new job's a hassle and the
kids have the flu
But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad
It's been sure nice talking to you"

And as I hung up the phone it occurred
to me
He'd grown up just like me
My boy was just like me

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver
spoon
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
When you comin' home son
I don't know when, but we'll get together
then, Dad
We're gonna have a good time then

Father and Son

by Cat Stevens /Yusuf Islam

[Father:]

It's not time to make a change
Just relax, take it easy
You're still young, that's your fault
There's so much you have to know
Find a girl, settle down
If you want you can marry
Look at me, I am old, but I'm happy

I was once like you are now, and I
know that it's not easy
To be calm when you've found
something going on
But take your time, think a lot
Why, think of everything you've got
For you will still be here tomorrow,
but your dreams may not

[Son:]

How can I try to explain, cause
when I do he turns away again
It's always been the same, same old
story
From the moment I could talk I was
ordered to listen
Now there's a way and I know that I
have to go away
I know I have to go

[Father:]

It's not time to make a change
Just sit down, take it slowly
You're still young, that's your fault
There's so much you have to go
through

Find a girl, settle down
If you want you can marry
Look at me, I am old, but I'm happy

[Son:]

All the times that I cried, keeping all
the things I knew inside
It's hard, but it's harder to ignore it
If they were right, I'd agree, but it's
them they know not me
Now there's a way and I know that I
have to go away
I know I have to go