

# Daddy Could Swear, I Declare

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Oh, oh, yeah  
Yeah, oh my mercy

Ooh, how I remember daddy  
He was strong and had  
A built in tan yeah  
And though he only stood  
About a five feet seven  
My daddy was a heck of a man  
Yes he was, y'all

He loved us all and we knew it, yeah  
Though he showed it in a very funny way  
For most of the time  
He was a-cussin' and fussin'  
When he said what he had to say  
Now, now, now

Daddy couldn't read  
Daddy couldn't write  
But one thing daddy sure could do right

He could swear  
Oh, Lord, I declare  
Yes, he could, y'all  
Daddy could swear  
I declare, have mercy

I still remember seein' him in the backyard  
Just a-pickin' and a-paintin' away  
Woo, woo, woo, woo

Ooh, my brothers and sisters  
Still talk about how  
Daddy lost his temper that day  
You see, he built a picket fence  
From the garage to the house

Well, Sam, tell me what I say  
The same day the garbage man  
Backed into the fence  
And the whole darn thing gave way  
You should have been there

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Daddy couldn't write  
One thing daddy sure could do right

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Oh, Lord, I declare  
Yes, he could, y'all  
Daddy could swear  
Oh, Lord, I declare  
Yes, he could, y'all

Tell 'em about  
Tell about your daddy

My daddy was a bad mouth  
Watch ya say watch your mouth  
My daddy was a bad mouth  
Watch ya say watch your mouth  
My daddy was a bad mouth  
Watch ya say watch your mouth  
Oow

Daddy wasn't no scholar, no  
No, he didn't have PHd  
But in my eyes and down in my heart  
My daddy means the world to me

He'll probably go out  
(Talkin' about daddy)  
Cursin', just a-fussin'  
And a-bein' mad  
But I hope the Good Lord will understand  
That my daddy's is just bein' my dad  
Now, now, now, now

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