

## Father-daughter Dialogue

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Dearest Daddy with your songs  
Do you hope to right your wrongs  
You can't undo what has been done  
To all your daughters and your son  
The facts are in and we have found  
That basically you're not around

Dearest Daddy, try as you might  
You sing of my mother and me  
Somewhat sentimentally  
You sing of a father and son  
When all you do from him is run  
You like to think that things are okay  
By singing things ythat you should say

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Darling Daughter can't you see  
The guy singing the songs ain't me  
He's someone people with I was  
What I can't do this dude does  
And if the songs seem slightly pat  
I know life's messier than that  
They're just songs and life is real  
They're just my version how I feel

And you don't feel the same I know  
How it went down or it should go  
My mistakes you label wrongs  
Iexpiate my guilt with songs  
Why I'm uptight or not around  
Those whys continue to confound

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