

# I Am Your Father

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Sensitive boy, military father  
Both of them needing something very badly from the other  
They had no choice; they could not reach each other  
Now the boy's an angry man; he holds it in no longer

(He says) I could never win anything 'cause I already felt beaten  
And you have always hated me so I guess now we're even  
So look at me now - I'm not afraid to fight you man to man  
And the old man says

I am your father  
I am not another  
Of your schoolboy classmates  
I am your father  
And you will not forget me  
I will stay part of you forever

Listen to my side  
Looking back I wonder  
Why I couldn't feel for you the way I felt about your brothers  
And there were times  
I'm sure you still remember  
When I tried to talk to you and you left me an outsider

I avoid painful things so you were avoided  
And I never really hated you, just sometimes dissappointed  
So look at me now  
Am I the same as the man you love to hate?  
No matter what....

I am your father  
I am your father  
And you can mess up my face - go ahead  
But I'll still be your father  
And you cannot forget me  
I will stay part of you forever

I could never look at you and say I love you  
I was taught that real men never broke down  
I feel like a victim I know you do too  
Like father like son  
I'm so sorry for the things I've done

I am your father  
I am your father  
Come what may  
I'll be part of you forever