

# Danny's Downs

Peter, Paul and Mary

On the day little Danny arrived  
His father stared and his mother cried  
They knew his name but they didn't know why  
He looked the way he did  
This thing happens to other kids  
How in the world are we gonna live  
With a boy like that?

Doctor said, "Dan's the first bad news  
Second is his heart won't make it through  
It must be fixed unless you choose  
To send him back where he came  
Starve the boy from his name  
Just six short days of pain  
Or maybe less"

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For more and more of us  
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"I'm not that strong," his father said  
"The dreams are gone, the hopes have fled  
Won't be long after he's dead  
We'll try again to find  
The child we had in mind  
Where the hell are those papers to sign?"  
And the man broke down

In a private room Danny's mother wept  
As an old Jamaican woman swept  
And not by chance their eyes met  
(And she said)  
"God's gifts are only good y'know  
And there ain't no Love the Lord can't grow  
Aw honey, take that boy with ya when ya go  
Back home

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It's been eight years since the surgery  
His sister's 5, his brother's 3  
He goes to school and he knows how to read  
He takes the bus home by himself  
Puts his lunch pail back upon the shelf  
And he hugs his Momma till she melts  
To the floor

They're more than a home, they're a family  
'Cause blood and bones are still souls y'see  
And someone's baby's just another Danny  
And in the guest room in the back  
Lives this old Jamaican black  
'Cause when you give a gift

God gives it back again.  
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