

## "A FATHER'S SADNESS"

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God sent us a child just the other day, He came to us in a miraculous way.  
But prices were high and we had bills to pay,  
So he learned to walk while I was away.

So he was talking before I knew it. As he was growing I heard him say,  
"I want to be like you Dad, I want to be like you."

He asked, "When are you coming home, dad?"  
"I'm sorry I don't know when,  
But we'll get together soon and we'll have a good time then."

Well, my son turned ten just the other day,  
He said, "Thanks for the ball dad, come on let's play."  
But I said, "Not today son, I have a lot to do."  
So he walked away very blue, saying, "I want to be just like you, dad."

"We'll, he came home from college just the other day,  
He was such a fine looking young man.  
I said son, "I am so proud of you, can you sit for awhile?"  
He responded, "I am sorry dad but I have a date,  
What I would really like to have is a \$100 bill please.  
Then he held out his hand and said, "Can I have the \$100 bill, please?"

Well, I have long since retired and my son has moved far away.  
I called him up the other day.  
I said, "Son, I would really like to see you, if you don't mind."  
He responded by saying, "Yes dad, I would like to come home,  
But there seems to be no time.  
The kids are busy at school and my job is not very kind."

Then it occurred to me, that my son had grown up to be just like me.  
Yes, just like me!

Then, it also occurred to me that the Scripture was being fulfilled which says,  
"Whatever a man sows, that shall he reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Taking time to be a "dad", is not time that is ever wasted! Sons and daughters are only young once. May the words of God be heeded!

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