

# A Father's Lament

A famous businessman recently said, "One year ago today I sat at my desk, busy with bills and accounts, when a bright faced, starry-eyed lad rushed in and announced, 'Say, Pa, this is your birthday. You are 35 years old and I am going to give you 35 kisses – one for each year.' And he began to make good his word. I exclaimed, 'Oh, Andrew, don't do it now, I'm busy.' His silence attracted my attention, and looking up I saw his big blue eyes filling with tears, and I said, 'You can finish tomorrow.' He made no reply, but was unable to conceal his disappointment. His face wore a grieved expression as he quietly walked away.

Two hours later, as the result of an accident, the waves of the ocean closed over his body, and we laid him away to sleep near the village where he loved to spend his summer vacation. The robin's note was never sweeter than his voice, and the turtle doves that coo to their nestlings could not be more gentle than the little boy who never finished his demonstration of love.

Could I build a ladder to the skies and find him there; if I could tell him how much I regret the thoughtless words spoken; if I could be assured that he understands and knows how my heart is aching; there would be no man in all the world more inexpressibly happy than the one who sits today and thinks how he grieved a little heart as tender as the mercy of God."

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*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet  
and show my people their transgression...*  
Isa. 58:1



*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,  
who shall prepare himself to the battle?*  
1 Cor. 14:8

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## The Pastor's Paragraph

*Dear Friends,  
Since Father's Day falls on June 18th, I will dedicate this issue of The Trumpet to fathers. As one who grew up in a home without a father, I know the importance of fatherhood. In my estimation, one of the largest problems in our society is the absence of fathers in the home. We desperately need men to become the kind of husbands and fathers that the Bible describes. May God bless and guide our fathers today.*

*Pastor Cole*

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## To Any Daddy

*There are little eyes upon you, and  
they're watching night and day;  
There are little ears that quickly  
take in every word you say;  
There are little hands all eager  
to do everything you do.  
And a little boy who's dreaming of  
the day he'll be just like you.  
You're the little fellow's idol,  
you're the wisest of the wise;  
In his little mind, about you no  
suspicions ever rise.  
He believes in you devoutly,  
holds that all you say or do.  
He will say and do in your way  
when he's grown up like you.  
This wide-eyed little fellow who  
believes you're always right.  
And his ears are always open and  
he watches day and night.  
You are setting an example every day  
in all you do.  
For the little fellow who's waiting  
to grow up to be just like you.*

*-Author unknown*