## MY FATHER'S HANDS

I still feel my father's hands When I close my eyes at night, How they tucked me into bed Before switching off the light.

How he turned once more to give me A final goodnight kiss And his hands would gently touch My cheek ... Oh, how I miss

These sweet moments in my life When we were a family. His rough hands were always soft When he reached to comfort me.

When he took me for a walk, He would hold my hand in his, And I felt so safe and loved. These are all the things I miss.

Dad left work to go to lunch And he never did come back. Because he was shot and killed By a bitter maniac.

But he left a legacy And a goal I hope to reach: To be a good a parent, and To practice what I preach.

I will always love him so, And forever will be glad That I had him for awhile ... Such a wonderful dad.

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