

I Have a Dad

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Verse 1:

**I have a Dad whose love is free and boundless,
Who gave me life and cared for ev'ry need.
He never ceased to show His lovingkindness
Though I disowned His name in thought and deed.
Yet He remained so patient in my wand'ring
And drew me back with tender, sov'reign grace,
Then open-armed He ran to meet me, weeping
To see His precious child before Him face to face.**

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Verse 2:

**I have a Dad who gave His own beloved,
For me, the child who had renounced His name,
To suffer at my hands a cruel bloodshed
Then conquer death and rise to glorious fame.
He took my death and endless life He gave me;
I need no longer fear the mighty grave:
Born and adopted back into His fam'lyâ€™š
A child, an heir, a brother, nevermore a slave.**

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Verse 3:

**I have a Dad who pledged to never leave me
Yet in the dark I fear to lose His hand;
If by His pow'r He ransomed and received me,
Then by His strength, in life or death lâ€™™II stand.
He comforts me when I am sad and fearful
And leads me to my Savior's precious side
Where I will rest, rejoice, and ever marvel
To have a Dad in whom my heart is satisfied.**