There's a fire in my belly
To tell a thing about thee
I don't know how to express it, maybe
It is about thee, Dear Daddy
Dad, I want to express it to you only
On this glorious "Father's Day"
I remember the old days
Days when I watched you work, and work
While you do it, for, and for
The Ministry given to you by the Lord
And the work to provide for us, and thus
You worked tirelessly, day and night

It's getting set a little

Oh, the night-light, of drafting

On the same table you drew plans

With the help of the Holy Ghost

For a God-given sermon for the host

the very same table under the night-light's glow

You drew plans for so many homes

With your glasses on the tip of your nose

The spectacles! You know

While your wife yelled something and all

And, us kids giggling, and watched T.V.

Meanwhile, I had a different attention of thee

From which, maybe you thought me tis

There's a fire in my belly
I choose to write it like this
I saw patience, and humility
Patience, the hard way, I've learned
Humility, there's one way to earn
When the Spirit of the Lord speaks
I see you, and you, mostly
"What I do; I saw my father do"

MY FATHER'S DAY FEVER (Continued)

There were time when I was their fool

That have changed, in time, for good

I sure want to be a father like thee

See, my own child just turned thirteen

There's a fire in my belly

And I will tell you tis

Dad, you may not be proud of my academic goals

I have entered the Kingdom of God

What better gift could you have given

What better gift could I have taken

Than the perpetual gift of Heaven

I am not a doctor, pharmacist, or businessman,

I will, however, join the multitude of "Saints"

When our time comes, to go marching in

Yes I will be in that vast number

With you, and others we love, way up there

Dear Daddy, that's the gift, I'll give to thee,

The very same gift you have given to me

Together to walk in Heaven's golden streets

And I will not stop here

Is this not the success, for us, you wanted?

Even though, I got there a different way
You should take all the credits

Cause you among others showed me the way
I have nothing material to give thee
In the name of Christ we are blood brothers
Just like in the physical sphere

We are related by blood

Yet, no remission of sin without shedding of blood
And you and I, are under that same blood

MY FATHER'S DAY FEVER (Continued)

There's a crack of a fire in my belly

And I remember this

Yes, I can see the station-wagon

Your old automobile

"The Family Wagon"

And your wife's green Oldsmobile

Were they both Oldsmobiles?

I don't know, they were real to me

And you are the beginning of my reality

And the fire continues to burn in my belly

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