

## Fatherless Child

Most of the problems I have today and the one's I've had  
Was because I grew up without a dad  
I think if he was in my life more  
Today I wouldn't be sitting behind these locked doors  
It was so many times when he told me he was going to come and see me  
And I always believed him and I stayed waiting for him by the door all happy  
So I continued to sit there waiting by the front door  
And then hours later he told me he wasn't coming and I felt like he  
didn't love me anymore  
I've always longed for that relationship with my dad  
And I am still searching for a father figure that I've never had  
My mom and dad never got along  
And I've always felt it was because I did something wrong  
Do you know how it feels when the person you look up to most to  
always disappoint you  
And then come back around like it's no issue  
I would always be there for my kids  
No matter what the circumstances is  
I've always wanted to tell my dad how he broke my heart  
But when I talk to him I don't know where to start  
So I pray that god helps me to forgive  
Because I don't want to go through life holding a grudge I just want to live

**Fatherless Child: A poem written by a young man who received  
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