

## Weekend Daddy

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For my children, Josh and Sarah

They stood there in the cold, drizzling rain  
I started up my car and rolled the window down  
As our eyes began to fill with tears and pain  
Their little hearts were breaking, mine began to pound  
Then all at once emotion filled my soul  
I jumped back out and held them  
I held them like I'd never let them go...

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We could be a family again  
But your new daddy loves you  
And tries to discipline kindly  
So be good for them both, don't cry  
I'll see you next Friday

Seeing you with mommy standing there  
Almost makes me feel like we never said goodbye  
And for a magic moment we're complete again  
Then nearly from old habit I reach to hold her tight  
That's when another's arms around her stills my heart  
The rain plays down upon me as I recall *my* part...

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The fires of hell rain down upon us every day  
To tempt and test us as we fumble on our way  
I thought for sure we'd easily be the ones to last  
But now the lawyers and the harsh words  
To easily put us in the past

*[spoken]*  
*And as I drove away beneath that evening gray*  
*My thoughts turned back the pages to a time when I was*  
*eight*  
*When my own dad drove away in tears and pain*  
*And left me and little still confused and crying in the rain*

Now I wonder will this cycle ever end  
Dear God please give my son the brains to say  
'I'm sorry' now and then  
So that he won't become like me...

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So be good for them both, god I love you

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