

BEYOND COMPARE

I feel very lucky to have been blessed
With a father who's beyond compare
I have no doubt he is the best
My love for him I'd like to share

He was born the year Titanic
Had it's tragic date with destiny
Developing into a moral mechanic
Whose tune-ups bring out the best in me

In his youth he witnessed his country get hurled
Into a crash that depressed a nation
He made up his mind to improve the world
And not rely on predestination

Volunteering for duty, he served as chaplain
His men came to him for spiritual advice
He vanquished the demons they were grapplin'
Demonstrating the meaning of sacrifice

A humble man with a gentle soul
He's on a sacred mission
Uplifting mankind is his goal
Shalom is his vision

Each day he sets out on a tour
To put a smile on someone's face
And by day's end you can be sure
He's made the world a better place

If you are unable to drive
And your life serial suffers from dryness
On his dairy truck he will arrive
Delivering the milk of human kindness

On his daily cruise he tries to make
The burdens we carry a little bit lighter
And if you find yourself caught in his wake
You may find your day a little bit brighter

If you're under the weather and not feeling chipper
Don't give up hope because you're ailing
Sam will buoy your spirits and be your skipper
So your journey to health will be smooth sailing

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Believing that laughter is a healing force
At hospitals, he delivers quips by the dozens
He nudges ailments to alter their course
Following the example of Norman Cousins

My dad has a marvelous sense of humor
During these times, that may seem a rarity
He believes that hate is like a tumor
Which he excises with bema-therapy

When the Rabbi preaches, we're under his spell
Enthralled by orations that awaken our spirit
His thunderous voice which he uses so well
Can't be forgotten by those who hear it

Planting seminal sermons in fertile minds
With showering love, he cleanses and nourishes
His brilliance and warmth sparkles and shines
Illuminating ignorance, sweet fellowship flourishes

Glittering brightly among the renowned
There's no denying his appeal
On the pulpit or airwaves he can be found
Hobnobbing with Norman Vincent Peale

On the world stage, Dad deserves an Oscar
Demonstrating how to act in every scene
His character development and upright posture
Makes him a leading man on the Silver team

There is a message he tries to convey
To those who know him, it's understood
That we can improve with each passing day
By living our lives the way that we should

Where he gets his energy is hard to tell
His daily agenda, you wouldn't believe
The righteous path is easy to sell
With such an abundance of joie-de-vivre

Refusing to participate in an altercation
If things get tense, he won't let it worsen
Defusing contention with self-deprecation
Instead of the argument, he wins the person

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He shares this wisdom for avoiding strife
Like one mishpacha, all men are brothers
His formula for a happy life
Is to get a charge out of helping others

My Father is proud to be a Zionist
Faithfully supporting the state of Israel
As a Jewish spokesman, he's one of the finest
No one else can match his zeal

His life story is a best-seller
Guided by faith and deep conviction
Mitzvot became the storyteller
An excellent example of non-friction

My Dad has inspired my stand-up routine
By observing him, it was revealed
That I can be funny and keep it clean
In the spirit of Youngman and Dangerfield

As a young lad, I would lie in bed
And listen to parables my Dad would spin
They were interwoven with a common thread
Maturity is gained through discipline

My Father taught me the joys of giving
I can still hear his words clear and loud
As I face the challenges of living
I hope my actions make him proud

An important lesson he did impart
When expressing gratitude, don't hesitate
I'd like to state from the heart
Thank you, Dad, for being so great

To reach his age is quite a feat
I'd like to wish him Mazel Tov
My life he's made so very sweet
That my heart overflows with love

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