

Hey Dad, It's Been Way Too Long

Hey Dad, it's been way too long,
Too long since we last spoke,
Too long since our last phone call,
Too long since my last visit with you.

Hey Dad, I talked about you just last night,
Last night when I sat with my men,
Last night when we talked about real shit,
Last night when I thought of you again.

Hey Dad, can you tell me you love me,
You love me because I care about you,
You love me because I miss seeing you,
You love me because I'm a lot like you.

Hey Dad, I wanted to be different as a dad,
As a dad who makes phone calls to his sons,
As a dad who is a mentor to them and other young men,
As a dad who will not die with "I was a fuckup" regrets,

Hey Dad, I know we won't see each other again,
Again I know that you checked out last year,
Again I remember who you were and who you weren't,
Again I remind myself I have come closer to myself,

Hey Dad, you weren't familiar with that place, and I am sad,
I am sad for the un-fathered parts of you,
I am sad for the un-loved child inside you all those years,
I am sad because you went and died before I could tell you.

Hey Dad, even if you couldn't receive it totally, I loved you.

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