

## Dear Daddy

Happy Father's Day,  
Dear Daddy.  
It's been a long time since I saw you.

I was a Daddy's girl,  
for the most part.  
"She's the apple of your eye," so they said.

But you disappeared one day,  
many years ago,  
and you never looked back, not once, in all that time.

How did you find it so easy,  
to walk away from your child?  
Your flesh, your blood?  
Your heart?  
Your everything?

I never thought he would leave me,  
I never picked up on any signs.  
But why would you at only seven years old?

It seemed effortless for him, to pack up and leave.  
After all of those years.  
After all of those tears.

Cherished memories forever erased.  
Now he will start a new family,  
a new life.

Keep on walking,  
Dear Daddy,  
I don't ever want to see you crawling back.  
Because I don't need your transparent love,  
and quite frankly,  
I don't want it either.

Goodbye,  
Dear Daddy.

Your fault.

Your loss.

Yours sincerely,  
A stranger