

BROKEN "FENCES"

In the silence of the night, I miss my dad!
filled with so much love, that turned to hate, then to pain.
oh these bricks are killing my back
it makes it hard for me to stand
and moving forward hasn't been an option since one rainy day in 1995
I lost my father that year,
I lost him to ignorance, I lost him to history,
I lost him to crime, I lost him to sacrifice,
I lost him to good old fashion ways of life
My dad was strong, dependable and always there when I needed him.
you couldn't tell me nothing bad about my dad
even after he split from my mother,
he was my hero, my protector and if I called on him
he would come and beat you up for messing with me,
so you better back off!
so, whenever I found myself in a jam,
who do you think I called?
that's right, my daddy.
my life flashed in front of my eyes
and my back was against the wall
as I sat charged with playing GOD.
17 years old in a world trying to be grown
I picked up the phone hoping to hear the baritone,
of the man that turned our house into a home
but boy was I wrong
what I heard had my jaw drop to the floor
I said I've been charged with murder,
he replied, so what you call me for
I stumbled and staggered in disbelief as I froze,
and forever embedded in me was the day my heart turned cold
how can you treat your 1st born worse than a stranger
and let 17 years go by while he's in immediate danger
so on my 34 birthday I granted me a wish
by finally talking to my dad again as my gift
My mission was manhood, which I found in myself
when I was able to release the resentment that I had felt
now reaching 40, I'm still sitting up in these trenches
resurrecting old feelings got me emotional while watching "FENCES"
my eyes begin to drip, overpowering the soul of my broken spirits
as I mumble the words so that only I can hear it
then the song plays,
"LET IT RING, LET IT RING,
I HAD AN OLD DOG AND HIS NAME WAS BLUE"
then I asked myself, how can you every find peace
without the man who created you?

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