

Stanza-by-Stanza Analysis

Stanza	Lines	Meaning
1	<i>My dad's as brave as a dad can be, I rate him Number One, He's not afraid of the dead of night, Or anything under the sun.</i>	The persona is a child who thinks highly of his father. He feels that his father is the bravest Dad who does not fear anything at all, even the quietest and darkest part of the night.
2	<i>He's not afraid of a late-night film, Full of horrors on the telly, And is he afraid of skeletons? Not dad, not on your Nelly!</i>	The persona's Dad is also not afraid of the horror movies he watches on TV. He is never scared at all of any ghostly image such as skeletons.
3	<i>He's not afraid of meeting ghosts, He'd even smile and greet 'em And things that scare most dads the most, My dad could just defeat 'em</i>	The father is not frightened of ghosts, either. The child believes that his Dad would even smile and greet them. His Dad is not afraid of things that other people may be afraid of.
4	<i>He's not afraid of vampires, Or a wolf-man come to get him If Frankenstein's monster knocked on our door, He wouldn't let that upset him</i>	The child continues by listing his Dad's bravery against the vampires, wolf-man, and even Frankenstein.
5	<i>My dad's as brave as a dad can be, And he's always ready to prove it. So why, when a spider's in the bath, Does Mum have to come and remove it?</i>	The Dad always shows off his bravery, and his child believes that he is the bravest. However, the child is curious as to why his Mum has to come to the rescue when there is a spider in the bath? Perhaps, his heroic Dad has a weakness - a fear of spiders!