

Verses.  
Written on the death of a Father.  
By a Son

O, dearest father, although gone,  
May thy memory be ever long  
To cherish by an undutiful Son,  
Who life's journey has just begun.

May thy examples ever be,  
And thy patience in adversity,  
A pleasant task for such an one,  
Who is called thy eldest Son.

May too, dear father, be like thee,  
From every strife, contentions free  
Holding thee for a sample  
Be full worthy of an example.

May as thy virtues can be cherished,  
And a virtuous kindly nourished  
Belong as the life blood of half a world,  
Thy heart of a good man's soul.

May he thy kindness still recall,  
And remember of affections all,  
And a father's love to that one  
Who presumes to say he's his Son.

May he pursue the very track  
That will never lead him back  
But press him forward to that place  
That his father occupied with grace.

May he a college course pursue,  
With father's virtues full in view,  
And industry which is quite true,  
To happiness and knowledge too.

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