

DON'T BE AFRAID TO DREAM

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A dream can be positive
As it can lead direction towards a goal.
It could also be an expression during sleep
Revealing your inner soul.

A dream can lead you to greatness
If you work towards it with determination
However a dream can also lead
To feeling a complete devastation.

For what if that dream of yours
Cannot possibly come true?
What you have thought of and strived for
Cannot be real for you.

Parenthood comes with a feeling
That can vary between Mom and Dad
The emotions run the gamut
From the highest high to the deepest sad.

My dream of being a dad
Came true a short while ago
The type of dad I would be
I did not know.

I was shocked to learn
My little angel had high needs
When I looked upon her for the first time
And attached were many leads.

One was for her heart
One was for her breath
I cried so deeply
As I thought she was fighting death.

My dream of dancing with my little girl
Gliding across the floor
Is a dream that is not a reality
And I release it out the door.

If I were to hold dear to that dream
I might never ever see
The amazing little girl
That lovingly looks up at me.

I don't deny she's unique
I won't say times won't be rough.
But what my daughter has gone through
Has shown me she is tough.

My daughter lies quite still
Unable to move much at all
But her mind is very alive
And I have learned to stand tall.

I have been blessed with an angel
Someone who needs me to survive
But my little peanut
Has never made me feel more alive.

She chose my wife and I
As she looked from Paradise above
And came to us one day
For no one could give her more love.

There are times I remember my dream
And I wipe a tear from my face
But she has made us all closer
And lives at her own pace.

Don't think you shouldn't have a dream
Or beat yourself up if you do
You just need to change your dream
And start living anew.

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