

Dear Future Dad

Your life is changing in the blink of an eye
Although this road may not be perfect, you must give it your best try
The word on the street is that there will be a new addition to your home
The path to womanhood is difficult to roam

I have been a daughter for seventeen years
Experienced endless love, learning, and many tears
I am writing this poem to offer my words of advice
Knowing you will find the perfect balance between stern and nice

Raise a daughter who doesn't need you to tell her she is beautiful, she knows it herself
But be the dad who can't help but look at the old pictures of her on the shelf
Raise a daughter who has many friends, and can recognize those that are true
Be the dad who makes sure her very best friend is you

Raise a daughter that is strong and knows there are no limitations on this earth
Be the dad who tucks her in with stories of girl power and self worth
Raise a daughter who is passionate about what she does, whatever that may be
Be the dad who when she is blind, teaches her to see

Raise a daughter who wants to see the world, but can find happiness where she is at
Be the dad who continues loving her, even when she is being a brat
Raise a daughter who can persevere and deal with the hands of fate
Be the dad who gives the boys "the stare" on the first date

Raise a daughter that knows true beauty comes from deep within the soul
Be the dad who cheers the loudest when she scores her first goal
Raise a daughter that knows to live in the moment, and put away the phone
Be the dad who always tells her that you're there for her and that she is never alone

Raise a daughter that can laugh for hours over the smallest of things
Be the dad who gives her the armor to fight whatever life brings
Raise a daughter that knows her own happiness and can devise her own route
Be the dad that when something doesn't seem quite right, takes her out

If you treasure the moments from first holding her until she is grown
You'll always stand together, even though she is capable of standing on her own