

My Favorite Fathers' Day Song

I came across this song when I was looking to pay tribute to my own dad. Here's the short video I posted online last year.

The song, My Dad, was sung by Paul Peterson who played Jeff Stone on The Donna Reed Show. It reached #6 on the Billboard charts.

The song was written by Barry Mann after the death of his own father. Mann and his wife, Cynthia Weil were among the most prolific songwriters of their day having penned such hits as "You've Lost That Loving Feeling," "On Broadway," "Somewhere Out There," and my personal favorite "Who Put the Bomp (in the Bomp Bomp Bomp?)

A few years later, the song was covered by none other than Davy Jones of The Monkees. Now I'm a big Monkees fan but the only rendition of this particular song that I want to hear is Petersen's. Maybe it is because when it was first broadcast on his TV sitcom, with his character singing this song to his TV dad played by Carl Betz, it was such an emotionally powerful and personal statement that the song just seems to belong to them.

If you've never seen it, I've posted it below.

To all the dads out there... thank you. You know why.

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