

The Son I Never Knew

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There are days when I remind myself that I do have a son

I know I am being looked upon as a man who is always on the run

Despite all the bad things you have heard about me, I must say, that I am sorry

But I am asking you son, please allow me to tell my story

I know I am asking a lot because I was always in a hurry

In a hurry to chase after my dreams

In a hurry to come up with the next selfish scheme

It was never my intention to leave you alone with your mother

The pain of a part time job and making ends meet, I just could not bother

That day when I packed my bags,

I knew what I was doing

I knew when all was said and done;

it would be a son that I'd be losing

So hear me son and forgive me if you can

I am sorry for being a bad example,

and a poor excuse of a man

I am sorry for leaving without giving you a plan

And explain some of life's mysteries and make sure

you understand

Now that I've had sometime to think about the times I have missed with you

Times when you were looking for me, the stories I told that weren't true

I can certainly understand your hatred towards me I know I have made you into a young man who is classified as being angry

Believe me son, if I could take it back I would

But as a man, I too, was misunderstood

So I swallow this bitter pill,

bearing the burden I have created

Dealing with the issue of my own son from whom I am separated

If you are willing to take any advice from me

I would say watch out for the pitfalls;

that are waiting for you in society

If I had it to do over again,

I definitely would have stayed

To watch you grow up, and to see all the high school games you would have played

So, I am left to carry this guilt,

my whole life through

Of not having a relationship,

with the son I never knew.



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