

# Be Kind to Thy Father

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1. Be kind to thy fa - ther, for when thou wast young, Who loved thee so fond-ly as he? He  
 2. Be kind to thy mo - ther, for lo! on her brow May trac - es of sor - row be seen; Oh!  
 3. Be kind to thy bro - ther; his heart will have dearth If the smiles of thy joy be with - drawn; The  
 4. Be kind to thy sis - ter; not ma - ny may know The depth of true sis - ter - ly love; The

caught the first ac - cents that fell from thy tongue, And joined in thy in - no - cent glee. Be  
 well may'st thou cher - ish and com - fort her now For lov - ing and kind she has been. Re -  
 flow - ers of feel - ing will fade at the birth, If love and af - fect - ion be gone; Be  
 wealth of the o - cean lies fa - thoms be - low The sur - face that spark - les a - bove. Thy

kind to thy fa - ther, for now he is old, His locks in - ter - min - gled with gray, His  
 - mem - ber thy mo - ther, for thee will she pray As long as God giv - eth her breath; With  
 kind to thy bro - ther, wher - ev - er you are; The love of a bro - ther shall be An  
 kind - ness shall bring to thee ma - ny sweet hours, And bless - ings thy path - way shall crown; Af -

*cresc.* *dim.*

foot - steps are fee - ble, once fear - less and bold: Thy fa - ther is pass - ing a - way.  
 ac - cents of kind - ness, then cheer her lone way, E'en to the dark val - ley of death.  
 or - na - ment pur - er and rich - er by far Than pearls from the depths of the sea.  
 - fect - ion shall weave thee a gar - land of flowers More pre - cious than wealth or re - nown.