



The Father's Day Card....

I was looking for a Father's Day card - among the dozens and dozens everywhere,
So many perfectly worded sentiments, for ordinary father's without a care.
"We'll pamper you dad!" - "You're the greatest!" - "Now lie down, relax, or play!"
"Do all the things that you love to do, on this your special day!"
"Yeah right, if only..." I chuckled. But for real dads - where are the cards for them?
The dads who have children with special needs; the dads who've become extraordinary men.
The dads who gave up weekend fishing, and now only dream of a game of golf,
The dads whose sons are in the hospital, because of pneumonia from a simple cough.
So many things about life they don't get, those carefree dads who have not a clue,
About what it's like to have a ten year-old son, who cannot even tie his own shoe.
About what it's like every day at the office, hearing others brag about their kids triple-play,
Knowing if he tried to talk to them, they would stare blankly and not know what to say.
Many kids choosing bright shiny cards, with a button that says, "Dad, you're my hero!"
But what truly makes them a hero, those buying the cards do not really know.
That heroes are dads who accept that their child, will not ever be a little-league champ,
Who instead cheer them on at therapy, while longing to take them to Boy Scout Camp.
Heroes are the men who day and night work hard, and yet find they are always broke,
Because of the expenses, medical bills, & challenges, of a never-ending financial yoke.
They are the men who would gladly give their life, for a treatment that would cure their son,
They are the men who understand the victory, in each tiny battle that their child has won.

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I give up and am too tired to keep looking, for that elusive 'Special Father's Day card.

I have to laugh at the irony that this too is something else that shouldn't be hard!

So instead I'll write down on a piece of paper, "I love you with all of my might!"

From the son who knows that his hero is the daddy who cries as he prays for him each night.

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