

Hank Williams Sr.

"Little Bocephus"

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(Hank Williams)

Little Bosephus, you're the one, makes me feel good
inside
Just to know that you're my son makes my heart swell
with pride
I've always needed one like you to love and understand
Now that you've come to fill that place, you're my
buddy, man to man.

There comes a time when every boy grows so cocksure
with life
So that he feels he knows it all and no longer needs
advice
The complicated phase of life is called "adolescent
age"
And sometimes breaks a father's heart, wish you could
skip that stage.

I'd like to help you fill your heart with kindness, faith
and truth
Protect you from the hands that reach out to destroy
manhood and you
There is so much sorrow and despair to blight the
hearts of men
And the more we learn of love and life, the more they
come crowding in.

It's just little things at first, my son, then, as we grow
older
Our troubles grow much bigger too and sometimes,
they overflow
The poisoned minds and broken hearts will cause
strongest men to weep
Overwhelm souls with bitterness and death would be so
sweet.

So we must build a strong defense of love and
fortitude
On character and knowledge, son, so these ills cannot
intrude

Ah, sonny boy, so many things a youngster needs to
know
If he is to find true happiness as down through this life
he goes.

It's just a father's love, I guess, that comes to every
dad
That makes me want to shelter you from things that
make you sad
Bosephis, boy, I'm standing by to help you when you
call
For son, you are my flesh and blood and the grandest
pal of all...

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