

COMPLAINT

Father, my dear Father, Daddy, my dear Father, tell me true:
Do you really love me like you say you do?

1. I know you've done some splendid rearranging
so anyone can get to heaven's gate,
but I have got some questions of a personal kind
I'd appreciate if you could answer straight.
You see, this acne on my face is so embarrassing,
my legs are bowed a little at the knees.
My dentures keep on slipping and my hair is falling out -
Daddy, do you really care for me?
2. And what about the way you made me clumsy?
What about the way you made me sweat?
God, I've had to cope with being me so far;
still, you've got some time to change me yet.
My legs are too short, my feet are too long,
my bum is bigger than it ought to be.
My left eye wanders and my right eye squints -
God, it isn't fair, don't you agree?
- 2a. Well, I never got a special revelation,
he didn't send a vision from the clouds.
Maybe it was my imagination,
but I think I got his message clear and loud.
3. (He said) I gave you everything you've got (take it or leave it)
and you're the only one of your kind.
You think it's hard to love yourself - well, tough,
put yourself in my shoes sometime.
Yes, you ought to try and see how hard I find you.
And I put you together, I designed you.
I know you much better than you know yourself,
so if I can love you the way I do, so can you!

***I cry aloud to God... in times of trouble I pray to the Lord...
Will the Lord always reject us?... Has he stopped loving us?...
I will remember your great deeds... the wonders you did in the past.
Psalm 77***

1980. A tradition has developed in the church that you can't be honest - with each other, or with God - and really let everything hang out. Not only is this an insult to God, who is totally honest and open with us, but it's emotionally repressive, and damaging to us humans. The Old Testament, especially the Psalms, includes a lot of whingeing, and I like to be faithful to the Bible.

Songs that are humorous are usually fun to sing (except when nobody laughs), and this song has the added advantage of having the word 'bum' in it - always a hit with kids.