

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
2. Be kind to thy mo-ther, for lo! on her brow May trac - es of sor - row be
3. Be kind to thy bro-ther; his heart will have dearth If the smiles of thy joy be with-
4. Be kind to thy sis - ter; not ma - ny may know The depth of true sis - ter - ly

he? He caught the first ac - cents that fell from thy tongue, And joined in thy
seen; Oh! well may'st thou cher-ish and com-fort her now For lov - ing and
- drawn; The flow - ers of feel-ing will fade at the birth, If love and af-
love; The wealth of the o - cean lies fa - thoms be - low The sur - face that

in - no - cent glee. Be kind to thy fa - ther, for now he is old, His
kind she has been. Re - mem-ber thy mo - ther, for thee will she pray As
- fect - ion be gone; Be kind to thy bro - ther, wher - ev - er you are; The
spark - les a - bove. Thy kind - ness shall bring to thee ma - ny sweet hours, And

locks in - ter - min-gled with gray, His foot-steps are fee - ble, once fear - less and
long as God giv - eth her breath; With ac - cents of kind - ness, then cheer her lone
love of a bro - ther shall be An or - na - ment pur - er and rich - er by
bless - ings thy path-way shall crown; Af - fect-ion shall weave thee a gar - land of

bold: Thy fa - ther is pass - ing a - way.
way, E'en to the dark val - ley of death.
far Than pearls from the depths of the sea.
flowers More pre - cious than wealth or re - nown.