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My Dad's Habits
by Auraelia Amlani

My Dad is ever so slightly strange,
He claims he could run an entire mountain range.
His trainers squeak around the room and he never ties his shoes.

I have not seen him without a beard since I was two,
When he shaved his whiskers and blocked the loo!
He reads aloud *Treasure Island* in a disturbing Caribbean accent.
When he swerves the car, he almost always causes an accident.

His pasta dishes are a witch's concoction,
And of the ingredients he has no recollection.
Mum says he is a "crazy genius,"
I wish he could just clean up after our Puss.

I always think he smells fresh and cool.
If only he showered after jumping in the pool.
He loves to tidy up but I think he should stop,
before he gets a prize for picking up every half drunk cup.

I have caught him messing with superglue.
And thought he should be placed in a zoo.
But I do love him so...
because he never says no!