

The Fifteen Percent Daddy

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I'm the fifteen percent Daddy
I'm there four days a month
count on me during rain or shine
I'm there right through the crunch.

No holiday is too little
no obstacle too big
I'll drive right through a Ground Hog Day
to get to my appointed gig!

They say I am commendable
I go to such great lengths
to be there one in seven days
devotion is my strength.

I'm the fifteen percent Daddy
I can take him to the show
I can get him to the fishing pier
but then it's time to go

I have to get back to my job you see
so I can lend support
that helps to fund the system
that was agreed to by the court

I'm the fifteen percent Daddy
this weekend I'll be here
living the swinging single life
what I am is just not clear

If I'm a fifteen percent Daddy
than what of the other days?
It's time for me and not for him
who will it be that pays?

Because writing checks is not enough
to make up for time that's lost.
We'll never get it back I fear,
and that is a terrible cost.

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