**"Father of Mine" – Everclear**

**(Alexakis, Montoya, Eklund)**

Father of mine  
Tell me where have you been  
You know I just closed my eyes  
My whole world disappeared  
Father of mine  
Take me back to the day  
When I was still your golden boy  
Back before you went away  
I remember the blue skies, walking the block  
I loved it when you held me high  
I loved to hear you talk  
You would take me to the movie  
You would take me to the beach  
Take me to a place inside that is so hard to reach

Father of mine  
Tell me where did you go  
You had the world inside your hand  
But you did not seem to know  
Father of mine  
Tell me what do you see  
When you look back at your wasted life and you don't see me  
I was ten years old  
Doing all that I could  
It wasn't easy for me to be a scared white boy in a black neighborhood  
Sometimes you would send me a birthday card  
With a five dollar bill  
I never understood you then and I guess I never will

Daddy gave me a name  
My dad he gave me a name  
Then he walked away  
Daddy gave me a name  
Then he walked away  
My dad gave me a name

Father of mine  
Tell me where have you been  
I just closed my eyes  
And the world disappeared  
Father of mine  
Tell me how do you sleep  
With the children you abandoned  
And the wife I saw you beat  
I will never be safe  
I will never be sane  
I will always be weird inside  
I will always be lame  
Now I am a grown man  
With a child of my own  
And I swear I'm not going to let her know  
All the pain I have known

Then he walked away  
Daddy gave me a name  
Then he walked away  
My dad gave me a name  
Then he walked away

1). What topic is the speaker addressing? What was the defining moment? How was the speaker’s life different before & after that moment.

2). Has the speaker successfully overcome the issue? What evidence is present that supports both the “Yes” and the “No” answers.

3). What are the speaker’s feelings toward his father. Do they seem to change at any point throughout the song? Explain using examples.