Rick Springfield, Like Father Like Son

He was raised in the English way His daddy taught him respect, he taught him how to pray They sent him off to boarding school Where he learned how to live by someone else's rule

And he went to confession
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Holy Father wash my sins away
He went to confession
He went to confession
Mother Mary take the pain away

He read letters from home at night in his bed And got this uneasy feeling when his father said

Fear of God and the feel of the rod Will raise a good boy The fear of God and the feel of the rod Will raise a good boy

He bought his daddy's car and he learned to drive And when he left school he got a nine to five He met the girl and he got his spouse And they had the child and they got the house

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He loved his son and he helped him build walls and fronts He knew he'd heard it before Someone had said it once

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It must be something much deeper than fear or pain Another child learns a pattern he won't break the chain

Fear of God and the feel of the rod Will raise a good boy The fear of God and the feel of the rod Will raise a good boy The fear of God and the feel of the rod Will raise the next boy