

A Rhyme

(One Dad, Two Dads...)

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♩ = 72 solo tenor

Lou! 1 8

SA 1

T 1 8

B 1 solo *mp* tutti (*nasal*) solo tutti *mp*

duet *mp* (*falsetto*) tutti duet tutti *mf*

Two dads_____ Blue dads Two dads_____ Blue

One dad_____ Brown dads_____ One dad_____ Brown dads_____

molto accelerando

L 8

SA 8

T 8

B 8

duet *mp* tutti duet tutti duet

dads Two dads_____ Blue dads_____ Two dads_____ Blue dads_____ Two dads_____

mp solo tutti solo tutti solo tutti

_____ One dad_____ Brown dads_____ One dad_____ Brown dads_____ One dad_____ Brown dads_____

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a Tempo

14

L

8

G.P.

SA

14

solo soprano *f*

freely 5 3

G.P.

Blue Dads?! Blue Dads?! I don't know who has dads that are Blue!

T

14

8

G.P.

Blue dads— Two dads—

B

14

G.P.

— One dad— Brown dads

a little faster

21 *a Tempo*

L

8

solo tenor *mf*

I do! My

SA

21 *a Tempo*

21

duet *p*

mp

mf

mp

T

8

Two dads

Two dads

Two dads

Two dads

B

21

solo *p*

tutti

solo *mp*

tutti

solo *mf*

tutti

mp

One dad Brown dads One dad Brown dads One dad Brown dads One dad

28 *f* *swing* $\bullet = 120$ *p*

L name is Lou I have two dads who are both Blue They

SA *s & a* *swing*

T *p* *tutti* (gasp!)

B *p* Two dads (gasp!)

Brown dads One dad Brown dads (gasp!)

35 *f*

L both have blue hair That's the co - lor it grows Blue arms blue fin - gers blue legs and blue toes

SA *pp* bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet

T *pp* bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet Blue

B *pp* bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet bluet Blue

39 *accel.* -----

L

soprano *mf* *even 8ths* *alto mp* *s & a* *f* *alto p*

SA "What is it like— to have blue dads?" I said— Do— they sing And eat cook - ies in bed— Do they work?

T 39 8 And eat cook - ies in bed— Do they play?

B 39 *p* *mp* *f* Do they talk? And eat coo - kies in bed—

44 ----- *a Tempo* //

L

soprano *mf* *f* *p*

SA Do they cook? If they hug you too hard does the co - lor rub off? "What I'd like to know now, I

T 44 8 If they hug you too hard does the co - lor rub off?

B 44 *mf* *f* Do they cough? If they hug you too hard does the co - lor rub off?

"Of course blue dads work! And they play and they laugh.
They do all of those things," said Lou.
"Did you think that they simply would stop being dads,
just because they are blue?"

50

L

SA

T

B

went on to say, is how did your dads end up be - ing this way? Did they go through the wash with a

Did they go through the wash with a

Did they go through the wash with a

Did they go through the wash with a

mf *mp* *mp* *mp*

accel. -----

55

L

SA

T

B

ball point pen? Or were they both blue since the young age of ten? Did they drink too much blue - ber - ry

ball point pen? Or were they both blue since they young age of ten? Glug, glug, glug, glug, glug, glug, glug, glug,

f *p* *f* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *mf*

faster *faster*

mf swing
a Tempo

L 60
8

SA 60
mf

T 60
8

B 60

"Just where did you get
all these questions!" Lou said
"How did such explanations
pop into your head?"

They were blue when I got them and

Or as kids did they play with too
ma - ny blue toys?

juice as young boys?

glug, glug, glug, glug, blue toys, blue toys, blue toys, blue?

even 8ths *swing*

L 65
8

SA 65
p

T 65
8

B 65
p

blue they are still And it's not from a juice or a toy or a pill They're blue be - cause Well, because they are blue! And I

Blue

Blue

70 *f* (short) *mp* *pp*

L think they're re-mark - a - ble won - ders, don't you? Yes, my dads are both blue And al - though you may try — it's

SA bluet bluet bluet Ooo it's

T bluet bluet bluet Ooo And al - though you may try — it's

B bluet bluet bluet Ooo And al - though you may try — its

75 *even 8ths* *Tempo I*

L hard to see blue dads a - gainst a blue sky! —

SA *even 8ths* hard to see blue dads a - gainst a blue sky —

T *p* duet tutti duet

B *solo p* *tutti* *solo* *tutti*

hard to see blue dads a - gainst a blue sky — One dad — Brown dads One dad — Brown dads —

swing
Tempo II

81

L *mf*

SA

T

B

But, — ex - cept for that prob - lem, our

81 tutti duet tutti duet

blue dads — two dads — blue dads — two dads — Ooo

81 solo tutti solo tutti

One dad — Brown dads — One dad — Brown dads Ooo

bluet bluet

bluet bluet

bluet bluet

87 *f*

L

SA

T

B

life is rou - tine, and they're just like all o - ther dads black — white — or green —

bluet Blue

bluet Mmm

bluet Blue

bluet Mmm black — white — or green —

bluet Blue

bluet Mmm black — white — or green —

Green Green

Green Dads? GREEN Dads?

Nnn —

Nnn —

p *mf* *p*

92 *solo mezzo soprano* *mf* *a Tempo*

L I have my name is Jean I have two dads who are both green.

SA 92 *freely* 5 *a Tempo*
That I ne - ver have seen!

T 92
Hmm

B 92
Hmm

96 *p*

L I'd love to let you take a look.

SA 96 *s & a* *f*
But we've run out of room in this lit - tle book!

T 96 *p* *f*
Mmm _____
But we've run out of room in this lit - tle book!

B 96 *p* *f*
Mmm _____
But we've run out of room in this lit - tle book!