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"The Founder of Father's Day," poem by Alison Rush, 1960

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THE FOUNDER OF FATHER'S DAY

(Honoring Mrs. John Bruce Dodd)

-- 50th Anniversary of Father's Day --

By Alison Rush

When Father's Day is celebrated here,
With father feeling that we hold him dear,
When recognition rings from shore to shore —
Traversing sea-lanes ... to resound once more:
The founder of the day will come to mind —
Sonora Dodd — a lady ... gracious ... kind.
As Mrs. John Bruce Dodd she keeps the day
For father, husband, son ... along life's way. ...
Her father — tender ... strong — was mother, too;
The joy of wifehood ... motherhood ... she knew.
For father ... husband ... son: a day to keep.
Why not for all fine fathers — those that sleep? ...
For fifty years her heart has kept the tryst —
A tall son helps ... for faces she has missed. ...
And when we keep this day ... with praise and prayer,
The blessings of the founder follow there!

This poem to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd is patterned somewhat
after the poem THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY — also by
Alison Rush.

THE FOUNDER OF FATHER'S DAY
(Honoring Mrs. John Bruce Dodd)
-- Both Anniversary of Father's Day --

By Alison Rosh

When Father's Day is celebrated here,
With father feeling that we hold him dear,
Then recognition rings from shore to shore --
Traveling sea-lanes ... to resound once more:
The founder of the day will come to mind --
Honors Dodd -- a lady ... gracious ... kind.
As Mrs. John Bruce Dodd she keeps the day
For father, husband, son ... along life's way ...
Her father -- tender ... strong -- was mother, too;
The joy of wifehood ... motherhood ... she knew.
For father ... husband ... son: a day to keep.
Why not for all fine fathers -- those that sleep ...
For fifty years her heart has kept the trust --
A tall son helps ... for faces she has missed ...
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