

## Good-Bye father

**G**ood-bye, Father, the invisible contributor of my existence. *Good-bye* to the man I did not know and the world we never shared.

To the anger that kept you imprisoned and a silence that I never understood, I say, "*good-bye*."

All my longing to love you, know you and share my life with you, I now bid *good-bye*.

To my children who played with you, to whom you tried to be a dad. I wondered why I was excluded from this privilege.

Did you see me only as a future bride? I wanted to be so much more.

You could have helped me be so much more, if only you knew how much I needed you.

To you, my father, a man who doubted himself, I say, "*good-bye*."

I pray that the kingdom of God will make you feel safe enough to forget your masculinity, to embrace your humanity. I pray that the angels of life will dance around you in utter joy because you are now whole and free to be the person I always dreamed you to be.