

## DAD THREW THE TV OUT THE WINDOW

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It was in the morning, a sunny Saturday  
I turned on the TV and on the couch I lay  
I watched my favorite program and another  
two or three  
When my dad came in the room and said these  
words to me  
"Son, turn off the TV now, there's lots of things  
to do  
Your bed's not made, the chores aren't done,  
the sun is shining too"  
I said "Dad, I'm busy, I've got to watch this  
show"  
I guess I should have listened, but how was I to  
know?  
Cause then he walked across the room and  
then he pulled the plug  
He lifted up the television and skipped across  
the rug  
He opened up the window, and then I  
screamed "Dad, NO!"  
He gave the thing a heave and I watched the  
TV go, oh

### Chorus

Dad threw the TV out the window, the  
window  
I think he's finally cracked  
Dad threw the TV out the window, I got a  
feeling that it isn't coming back

When I saw it go, when I heard it crash  
I knew that things at our house would soon be  
changing fast  
My dad looked out the window and mumbled  
"My oh my"  
My brother looked out too and said  
"I'm gonna die!"  
And that night after dinner when we went to  
watch the set  
All we found was nothing, I said  
"How could I forget"  
My brother lay down on the floor and moaned  
"What will I do?!"  
I said "Why don't you move away?" he said,  
"The same to you!"  
But then he told a joke, and I told two or three

And the one about the elephants made dad fall  
on his knees  
And my mom did her impression of a duck  
that couldn't fly  
That would have made you wet your  
pants and maybe even cry, all because

### Chorus

Life without a television wasn't what I feared  
I didn't really miss it though some friends  
thought I was weird  
I didn't miss commercials and all the blood  
and guts  
And all the stupid shows my brother watched  
that drove me nuts  
But then one sunny Saturday my dad could not  
be found  
I looked high and low when from his room I  
heard a sound  
I ran into his room to see what it could be  
I found my father hiding there watching a TV  
I said "Oh Dad, now really, you ought to be  
ashamed"  
He said kind of sheepishly "I want to watch  
the game"  
I picked up the TV and waltzed across the  
room  
I gave the thing a heave and waited for the  
boom

Oh, I threw the TV out the window, the  
window,  
I guess I've finally cracked  
I threw the TV out the window,  
and I'll live if it never comes back.

### Discussion:

- 1) What are some of your favorite shows? Why?
- 2) In what ways is T.V. good? Bad?

### Activities:

- 1) Make a list of things you would do if you did not have T.V.
- 2) Math - Do a graph on the number of hours per week you watch T.V.

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