

# *I Cried That Day*

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I cried that day my girlfriend told me that I upgraded her to the rank of Mother.

I cried that day that I heard your heartbeat for the first time.

I cried that day when, for the first time, your eyes saw light and the air touched your lungs.

I cried that day that I gave you your very first gift, your name.

I cried that day that I sent you to your first day of kindergarten.

I cried that day that you came home and told me that you knew how to hide from an active shooter.

I cried that day I realized you knew of an evil I couldn't protect you from.

I cried that day in fear of every phone call from your school.

I cried that day at the thought of losing you.

I cried that day.

I still cry today.