Wedding Songs: 30 Perfect Wedding Songs for Parent Dances

They're touching reception events: The bride waltzing with her dad, the groom tangoing with his mom. Here're some of our favorite tunes to use.

Trying to come up with the perfect wedding song to dance to with Dad or Mom? Start by deciding if you want a beautiful slow ballad or also want a song with meaningful lyrics. (Warning: If you choose a tear-jerker, plan the dance for later on in the reception, when the party is beginning to wind down and most of the pictures have already been taken!)

Below is a list of popular mother and son wedding songs as well as father and daughter wedding songs. We recommend reading through the whole list for ideas -- some songs work for a father-daughter or mother-son wedding dance. Or, you may want to choose one song and have both dances at the same time.

* Mother/Son Wedding Songs

\* "Blessed" (Elton John)

\* "Can I Have This Dance" (Anne Murray)

\* "Close to You" (The Carpenters)

\* "Have I Told You Lately" (Rod Stewart or Van Morrison)

\* "Loves Me Like a Rock" (Paul Simon)

\* "I Can See Clearly Now" (Johnny Nash)

\* "I Wish You Love" (Gloria Lynne)

\* "In My Life" (The Beatles)

\* "Stand by Me" (Ben E. King)

\* "Through the Years" (Kenny Rogers)

\* "Unforgettable" (Nat King Cole/Natalie Cole)

\* "What a Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong)

\* "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" (Stevie Wonder)

* Father/Daughter Wedding Songs

\* "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" (Elton John)

\* "Daddy's Little Girl" (Al Martino)

\* "Daddy's Hands" (Holly Dunn)

\* "If I Could" (Ray Charles)

\* "Isn't She Lovely" (Stevie Wonder)

\* "Lean on Me" (Bill Withers)

\* "Lullaby" (Billy Joel)

\* "My Funny Valentine" (Carly Simon)

\* "My Girl" (The Temptations)

\* "She's Leaving Home" (The Beatles)

\* "Sunrise, Sunset" (from Fiddler on the Roof)

\* "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" (Merle Haggard)

\* "The Way You Look Tonight" (Frank Sinatra)

\* "Times of Your Life" (Paul Anka)

\* "Turn Around" (Harry Belafonte)

\* "You Are So Beautiful to Me" (Joe Cocker)

\* "Whenever I See Your Smiling Face" (James Taylor)

* The Father-Daughter Dance

Butterfly Kisses - Bob Carlisle

Daddy's Little Girl - Al Martino

Daughters - John Mayer

Daughter Of Mine - John McDermott

Father And Daughter song - Paul Simon

I Turn To You - Christina Aguliera

In My Daughter's Eyes - Martina McBride

Isn’t She Lovely - Stevie Wonder

Kind and Generous - Natalie Merchant

Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

Thank Heaven for Little Girls - Maurice Chevalier

Thank you - Dido

The Way You Look Tonight - Frank Sinatra /Tony Bennett

Through the Years - Kenny Rogers

Times Of Your Life - Paul Anka

To Sir With Love - Lulu

Turn Around - Harry Belafonte

Unforgettable - Natalie Cole

You are my sunshine - Boxcar Willie / Bing Crosby

What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong

Wind Beneath My Wings - Bette Midler

* The Mother-Son Dance

A Song For Mama - Boys To Men

A Song For My Son - Mikki Viereck

As Time Goes By - Johnny Mathis

Blessed - Elton John

Close to You – Carpenters

I’ll be there - Jackson 5

I Get A Kick Out Of You - Frank Sinatra

I Hope You Dance - Lee Ann Womack

I Will Always Love You - Whitney Houston

My Special Angel - Bobby Helms

My Wish - Rascal Flatts

Simple Man- Lynard Skynard

Song for Mama - Boyz II Men

Sony Boy - Al Jolson

Summer Wind - Frank Sinatra

The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face - Roberta Flack

Three Times A Lady - The Commodore

Through The Years - Kenny Rogers

Times Of Your Life - Paul Anka

Unforgettable - Natalie Cole

What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong

Wind Beneath My Wings - Bette Midler