

# My Hero by Willis Hall

Match the stanza with the correct meaning

Stanza 1

My dad's as brave as a dad can be,  
I rate him Number One,  
He's not afraid of the dead of night,  
Or anything under the sun.

Stanza 2

He's not afraid of a late-night film,  
Full of horrors on the telly,  
And is he afraid of skeletons?  
Not dad, not on your Nelly!

Stanza 3

He's not afraid of meeting ghosts,  
He'd even smile and greet 'em,  
And things that scare most dads the most,  
My dad could just defeat 'em.

Stanza 4

He's not afraid of vampires,  
Or a wolf-man come to get him,  
If Frankenstein's monster knocked on our door,  
He wouldn't let that upset him.

Stanza 5

My dad's as brave as a dad can be,  
And he's always ready to prove it.  
So why, when a spider's in the bath,  
Does Mum have to come and remove it?

## Meaning for each stanza

The persona's father will not be intimidated by horror figures like vampires, wolf-man or Frankenstein's monster even if they appear at the door

According to the persona, his father will not be afraid if he encounters ghosts. He is of the opinion that his father would even smile and acknowledge them. In his eyes, his father dares to fight against things that most other dads are afraid of

The persona says his father is as brave as a father can be and he's always keen to show it. However, he is curious about something. Whenever his father sees a spider, he will not touch it and mother has to come to help him.

The persona is very proud of his father who he feels is as brave as any other father or even braver. In his eyes, his father is Number One as his father is fearless and not afraid of the dead of night and anything under the sun

The persona says his father is not afraid to watch horror movies late in the night. Horror scenes of skeletons do not scare him or put him off watching them.