

**I'm My Own Grandpa**

Latham – Jaffe, as performed by Jim Kweskin on “Swinging on a Star”  
(Mountain Railroad Records, 1979-1980)

Many, many years ago when I was 23,  
I was married to a widow who was pretty as could be.  
This widow had a grownup daughter who had hair of red.  
My father fell in love with her and soon they two were wed.

Oh, I'm my own grandpa,  
I'm my own grandpa.  
It sounds funny I know,  
But it really is so:  
I'm my own grandpa.

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life,  
Cause my daughter was my mother 'cause she was my father's wife.  
To complicate the matter, even though it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

This little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad,  
And so became my uncle, though it made me very sad.  
For if he were my uncle, then it also made him brother  
Of the widow's grownup daughter, who of course was my stepmother.

Now my father's wife then had a son that kept him on the run.  
And he became my grandchild 'cause he was my daughter's son.  
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue,  
'Cause though she is my wife she is my grandma too.

Now if my wife is my grandmother then I'm her grandchild,  
And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild.  
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw:  
As husband of my grandmother I am my own grandpa.