Dad's Pride & Joy - Now Mine

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Rob Jones asked for poems
But he gets no reply
So, I say I should write one
And then start to try

I search through the brain
And the words start to come
Maybe I can write something after all
Maybe I'm not quite so dumb

I think of my Dad
And the poems he wrote
It seems to me now
They had a real Leyland note

So now like my Dad did
I drive a Red P76
It's finally on the road again
After a jolly good fix

I'm super happy and proud To be in the driver's seat Now Dad's Red pride & joy Is again on repeat

The way it still sounds
And the smooth roomy ride
The way it leaks in the rain
And the funny smell that's inside

The clunky wipers still go
And the familiar spluttering start
The tears in my eyes

And the swelling joy in my heart

The large wallet we now need
Just to fill it with fuel
And room in the boot
(Thank God) - for every damn tool

New exhaust, new condenser New warrant and new tyres Old seats, and old carpets Old mirrors, old admirers

Someone said just in passing
"My God she's a beaut"
"The way that she sounds"
"And all that room in the boot"

Sadly, Dad don't remember
The car or the folk
The AGM's they attended
And how he always had a joke

So now it's our turn to make
All new memories in the car
And believe me we've enjoyed
Every minute so far

So, to the friends that we've met And those still yet to meet We're now new Leyland members And we're out on the street

So, I'll sign off now I'm finished There're no more words to write Just know I drive a Red Leyland And I even dream of it at night!!!!!