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### Headphones, speakers top gift lists

**Merry Christmas**  
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### Christmas of '67

The older I get, the more ordinary Christmas seems. Maybe that's what it means to grow up — the glitter and the whimsy of something that was once magical and wild slowly fades. Or maybe it's because on Christmas we'll ever reach the highs and lows of the one I survived the year I turned 13.

That was the Christmas my dad quit. It was the night he was diagnosed with cancer. He was 42. He was the best father I could have asked for. He was the one who taught me how to ride a bike, how to swim, how to be a man. He was the one who taught me how to be a man.

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