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Moderately fast

Chord diagrams: Bbm, Db5, Ab5, Bbm, Db5, Ab5, Bbm, N.C., Bbm, Db5, Ab5, Bbm, Db5, Ab5, Bbm.

1. It was the third of Sep - tem - ber; that day I'll al - ways re - mem -
2. (See block lyrics)

- ber, — 'cos that was the day — that my dad - dy died. —

The musical score is written for piano and voice. The piano part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The key signature has four flats (Bb, Eb, Ab, Db). The tempo is marked 'Moderately fast'. The score includes several measures of piano accompaniment, some with chord diagrams above them. The vocal melody is written on a single staff with lyrics. The lyrics are: '1. It was the third of Sep - tem - ber; that day I'll al - ways re - mem - ber, — 'cos that was the day — that my dad - dy died. —'. A second line of lyrics is indicated as '(See block lyrics)'. The score is divided into systems by vertical bar lines.