The 'Explaining Anime to Your Parents' Song

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I guess I always knew someday the day would come
when a simple explanation simply wouldn't be enough
At this point I have 7 wigs,
52 game, 12 DVDS, 9 manga,
250 K-pop songs on mp3s
Most of which you paid for

So I guess I understand
Why you want an explanation
I'll explain as best I can

Mother, Father,
the reason I like anime
The reason I know foreign words that only avid fans could say,
The reason that I dress up weird and go to strange conventions
Is because I think it's fun!
It's not just for attention

Mother, Father,
you don't quite get this cosplay thing,
why people walk around the streets as Pokemon and Card Game Kings?
Or how come in the US
We'd wear Japanese Street Fashion?
Well, it's like a costumes party,
and it's part of the attraction!

I'm sorry if I'm stuttering,
but really how on earth?
Do I explain this to my parents,
who've sheltered me from birth?

That I'm not watching cartoons!
And this isn't just a phase!
Yes it's weird, thats why I love it,
No, it wont affect my grades!

Cause despite all my explaining,
I can never make them see!
They just wonder what they did wrong,

raising me

Oh Mother, Father
please let me join the maid cafe!
I swear it isn't creepy,
though I see how it could sound that way...

And I assure you Lolita's not what the book was written on!
Oh wait you didn't read the book,
I didn't either
Moving on...

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So I know you think I'm crazy,
I've explained as best I can
And I hope that you accept me
For the person that I am

A person who likes watching animation from Japan,
Who sometimes turns into a raging,raving, squealing fan!!

Oh Mother, Father
You want to know what shipping is
I would explain but I'm afraid,
you won't respect me after this,

I'd tell you about fandoms,
and their strange imaginations
How for most fans fanfiction is just a form of mas-
...creation

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Oh Mother, Father
The reason I like anime
is something that I can't explain
at all

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