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American: Dat-uh,  
As in, "Dat uh dere number is wrong, son,"  
Or even: Dad-uh,  
As in,  
Dad dad dad dad  
Dad, uh, can you help me with my math homework?  
Procrastinate the data.  
Dad, uh,  
only one in four people know that  
data is closer to Dada  
than ninety-eight percent  
of people think,  
the sabermetrics of parenting.

Or more British: Day-tuh.  
As in, "It's a good day tuh die,  
out numbered as we are by the white men like maggots."  
That's a loose paraphrase of Crazy Horse, whom,  
though the only data I have  
is anecdote, I  
have no right  
To quote.

Date a...  
"Dad, would you ever date a  
dilemma?"  
A Dill Emma?  
That's a dad, uh,  
joke.

Day ta  
Day two:  
Stay tuned  
No news is bad news;  
The tomb still full  
Or Jesus is just out of office  
on hiatus and he ain't told nobody  
about those man hours lost  
on day twomb,  
but try as you might to  
prepopulate the data,  
it comes up  
empty.