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*“Progressions of Expressions” is a companion book to “Inspiration Station” with all new quotes, verses and page titles. This book is a fun and thought-provoking collection for card-makers and scrapbookers that is sure to help inspire creativity in your paper-crafting projects.*

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*Happy Scrappin'!*

*Betsy Flot*

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## Chapter 1

### All in the Family

#### ADOPTION

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| ☞ You Complete Me            | ☞ You Found Me                |



- ☞ A child enters your life and fills a special place in your heart. A place you never even knew was empty!

- ☞ A new baby is like the beginning of all things...wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities. ~Edna J. Le Shan
- ☞ Adoption is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.
- ☞ Adoption is like a scavenger hunt, you have to travel so far sometimes to find the little treasures God has left for us but it is worth it in the end! ~Maureen Kerik
- ☞ All God's angels come to us disguised.

#### A Half a World Away

*A half a world away  
 sometimes it seems we're so far apart.  
 But a half a world away  
 is not too far for a journey of their heart.  
 My little one, my bundle of joy  
 I'm waiting for you.  
 My precious son, my baby boy  
 I know you're waiting too.  
 A half a world away  
 a child waits for a family of his own.  
 While a half a world away  
 a family waits to come bring him home.  
 My little one, my bundle of joy  
 I'm whispering a prayer.  
 My precious son, my baby boy  
 I hope to soon be there.  
 I hope that we  
 will no longer be  
 a half a world away.  
 ~Jill Work*



- ☞ Always remember, we looked far and wide, and then we chose you!
- ☞ Babies are always more trouble than you thought and more wonderful than you ever dreamed. ~Charles Osgood

**Adoption**

*Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone,  
but nonetheless, my very own.  
Never forget for a single minute  
that you weren't born under my heart but in it.  
~Fleur Conkling Heylinger*

**Adoption**

*You first came to us in an envelope  
with letters, forms and such.  
Just two tiny little pictures  
with nothing warm to touch.  
You grew in our imagination,  
in our hearts and in our minds.  
You brought us greater joy  
than we ever thought we'd find.  
A phone call started labor pains  
which lasted 'til we met.  
Strangers brought together;  
a day we won't forget.  
You bloomed as you were planned  
in our hearts, our lives, our home.  
Our child of chance, of plan, of will  
you're now our very own.*



- ☞ Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother.  
~Oprah Winfrey
- ☞ Birth is an act of nature; adoption is an act of love.
- ☞ Born not from our flesh, but born in our hearts, you were longed for and wanted and loved from the start.
- ☞ Children are a gift from God; they are His reward. ~Psalms 127:3

- ☞ Especially picked by your mom and dad!
- ☞ Everybody thought we were crazy.

**Chosen Child, Welcome Home**

*Tonight as you lie sleeping  
for the first time in your bed,  
there must be something lasting  
and profound that should be said!  
But as your face is gazed upon,  
framed by dark, raven hair,  
no words can tell or quite express  
the feelings that we share!  
The wait is finally over,  
you're home at last to stay.  
And there'll always be the memories  
of the joy that's filled this day!  
With love that's brimming over  
by the sign of you alone.  
Welcome home, dear cherished one,  
At long last, Welcome Home!*



- ☞ For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him. ~1 Samuel 1:27
- ☞ Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back. ~John Ruskin

**Hope**

*I have a new life.  
New mom, new dad, new sister, new brother,  
new friends to play with, new house, new school,  
new teacher, new toys, tree house to play in,  
dog that licks me, bike to ride, cat that purrs.  
I have a family, happy feelings, caring people,  
I am wanted, I am loved, I have hope.  
~Ryan Town*



☞ I begin to love this creature and to anticipate her birth as a  
fresh twist to a knot, which I do not wish to untie.  
~Mary Wollstonecraft

*I did not plant you, true.  
But when the season is done,  
when the alternative prayers for sun  
and for rain are counted,  
when the pain of weeding  
and the pride of watching are through,  
then I will hold you high.  
A shining sheaf above  
the thousand seeds grown wild.  
Not my planting, but, by heaven,  
my harvest, my child.  
~Carol Lynn Pearson*



*I didn't come out of my mother.  
I don't have my father's green eyes.  
No one in my family looks like me  
people are always surprised.  
I think we're a happier family  
than if we were all kings and queens.  
We're so lucky we all found each other.  
That's what being adopted means.  
~Pamela Espeland & Marilyn Waniek-Nelson*



*I would take your pain,  
I would hurt your hurt,  
I'm your mom in name alone,  
if not from birth.*



### **Labor of My Heart**

*I would have given anything  
to be the one to know  
the pain of bringing you into  
this world but it couldn't be.  
Though I did not bring you  
here still I labored in my tears.  
Through the long nights I prayed  
you would come to me.  
You are the labor of my heart child;  
you are the labor of my heart.  
With all my strength I prayed till  
they laid you in my arms child.  
You are the labor of my heart.  
Blessed be the maker  
of bone of other bone.  
He made flesh of my desire  
and today I take you home.  
You are the labor of my heart child,  
you are the labor of my heart.  
With all my strength I prayed till they  
laid you in my arms child.  
You are the labor of my heart child,  
you are the labor of my heart.*



*Our Very Own Son  
Born not from our flesh,  
but born in our hearts,  
you were longed for and wanted  
and loved from the start.  
Conceived from a blessing  
sent straight from above,  
our very 'own' son  
at last home to love.*



- ∞ I searched the world over for you.
- ∞ I wasn't expected; I was selected.
- ∞ Never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow from my heart, but in it.

*Once there were two women,  
 who never knew each other.  
 One you do not remember,  
 the other you call mother.  
 Two different lives,  
 shaped to make yours one.  
 One became your guiding star:  
 the other became your sun.  
 The first gave you life,  
 and the second taught you to live it.  
 The first gave your need for love,  
 and the second was there to give it.  
 One gave you a nationality;  
 the other gave you a name.  
 One gave you the seed of talent;  
 the other gave you an aim.  
 One gave you emotions;  
 the other calmed your fears.  
 One saw your first sweet smile,  
 the other dried your tears.  
 One gave you up,  
 it was all that she could do.  
 The other prayed for a child,  
 and God led her straight to you.  
 And now you ask me through your tears,  
 the age-old question through the years.  
 Heredity or environment,  
 which are you a product of?  
 Neither, my darling...neither,  
 just two different kinds of love.*



- ∞ Our children are not ours because they share our genes...they are ours because we have had the audacity to envision them. That, at the end of the day...or long sleepless night, is how love really works.

### **Our Family Tree**

*We've added to our family tree  
 a stronger one to make,  
 a child from another plant  
 has become our new namesake.  
 Just as a limb is grafted  
 from one tree to another,  
 it alters and improves the plant  
 making it, uniquely, like no other.  
 Our family tree has been improved  
 adoption made this so.  
 For love, much more than bloodlines,  
 makes us thrive and grow.  
 We chose to share our life and love  
 and all the joys to come.  
 Our 'family tree' has blossomed  
 with the arrival of our cherished one.*



*Today I kissed an angel  
 I knew it from the start.  
 The first time my angel smiled at me  
 I gave away my heart.  
 Today I kissed an angel  
 this angel child of mine.  
 Though not of my creation  
 my child by God's design.  
 Today I kissed an angel  
 my heart is dancing wild.  
 A family, by a miracle  
 blessed by this angel child.*



- ☞ She will fill our lives with sunshine and our hearts with love.
- ☞ The adoption was hard, the love is easy.
- ☞ There is nothing to suggest that mothering cannot be shared by several people. ~H.R. Schaffer
- ☞ They placed you in our arms and all our dreams came true.
- ☞ Two mothers: One gave me life. One gave me 'a' life.

*We've waited so long for this special day,  
for a child of our own to be sent our way.*



- ☞ When they placed you in my arms, you slipped into my heart.
- ☞ When they put you in our home, you fell into our heart.
- ☞ You are the child from my heart.
- ☞ You may not be from my body, but you will always be a part of my heart.



## **BABY**

- ☞ A Baby is a Gift of Love
- ☞ A Baby is Born
- ☞ A Child is Born
- ☞ A Day in the Life of (Name)
- ☞ A Face Anyone Could Love
- ☞ A Gift from Above
- ☞ A Honey of a Baby
- ☞ A Little Dirt Never Hurt
- ☞ A Little Touch of Heaven
- ☞ A New Addition to the Family
- ☞ A New Baby to Love
- ☞ A New Bundle of Joy
- ☞ A Precious Blessing
- ☞ A Special Gift
- ☞ A Sweet New Baby
- ☞ A Year of Wonder
- ☞ All About Me
- ☞ All About Me from A to Z
- ☞ All by Myself
- ☞ All Decked Out
- ☞ All Dolled Up
- ☞ Already Adorable
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- ☞ Barefoot in the Park

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- ☞ Birthday Suit
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- ☞ Born Yesterday
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- ☞ Buttons & Bows
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♪ I Love My Grandpa/Grandma    ♪ I Love My Mommy/Daddy  
 ♪ I Love You, Little Baby        ♪ I Want My Mommy!  
 ♪ I Want the Real Thing        ♪ ICURAQT  
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 ♪ I'm a Handful                    ♪ I'm a Swing'n  
 ♪ I'm the Baby, Gotta Love Me   ♪ I'm Special  
 ♪ I'm the Only One Like Me!    ♪ I'm too Sexy for My Diaper  
 ♪ I'm Yours!                        ♪ In Full Bloom  
 ♪ In My Arms Again                ♪ In the Swing of Things  
 ♪ Innocence                         ♪ It Runs in the Family  
 ♪ It's a Boy/Girl                    ♪ It's a Small World  
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 ♪ Joyous Day You Were Born    ♪ Jumpin' Good Time  
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 ♪ Laying Closely to My Heart   ♪ Let the Good Times Roll  
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 ♪ Mommy's Little Monster      ♪ Mommy's Little Squirt  
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 ♪ Ooopsy Doopsy!                ♪ Our Bundle of Joy

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- ☞ Our Growing Family
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- ☞ Pure Joy
- ☞ Quilt n' Cozy
- ☞ Ready for Baby (nursery)
- ☞ Rugged Good Looks
- ☞ Say Cheese!
- ☞ Sent from Heaven
- ☞ Sittin' on Top of the World
- ☞ Small Talk
- ☞ So 'Beary' Cute
- ☞ So Handsome
- ☞ Some 'Bunny' Loves You
- ☞ Someone New to Love

- ☞ Someone to Love
- ☞ Sprung a Leak!!
- ☞ Strike a Pose
- ☞ Sugar & Spice
- ☞ Sweet as Can Be
- ☞ Sweet Pea
- ☞ Thank Heaven for Babies
- ☞ The ABC's of Love
- ☞ The Apple of Our Eye
- ☞ The Countess/Count of Cranky
- ☞ The Great Binky Heist
- ☞ The Greatest Thing
- ☞ The Journey Continues...
- ☞ The Rookie
- ☞ There's a First for Everything
- ☞ They Call Me Trouble
- ☞ Tickle Me (Name)
- ☞ Tiny, Precious & New
- ☞ Toot, Toot, Tootsie
- ☞ Touched by Love
- ☞ Up, Up & Away
- ☞ We Are Born Innocent
- ☞ We've Only Just Begun
- ☞ What's One More?
- ☞ Which Way to Hollywood
- ☞ Who Will You Be?
- ☞ Special Things to Come
- ☞ Star of the Show
- ☞ Such a Cutie Pie
- ☞ Supersized
- ☞ Sweet Child of Mine
- ☞ Sweet Talk
- ☞ That's My Baby B'gosh
- ☞ The Age of Innocence
- ☞ The Bottom Line
- ☞ The Cradle Will Rock
- ☞ The Greatest
- ☞ The Inside Story
- ☞ The Newest Part of our World
- ☞ There is a Great Joy Coming
- ☞ They Call Me Mellow Yellow
- ☞ Three Men & A Baby
- ☞ Tiny Hands & Tiny Toes
- ☞ Toe-tally Delicious!
- ☞ Tossed that Habit! (bottle)
- ☞ Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- ☞ Warm & Cozy Together
- ☞ Wet Baby Kisses
- ☞ What a Miracle
- ☞ When My Baby Smiles at Me
- ☞ Who Loves Ya, Baby?
- ☞ Worth the Wait!

- ☞ Wrapped in Divine Softness
- ☞ Yeah, I Did It...So?
- ☞ You are My Special Angel
- ☞ You are so Loved
- ☞ You're so Dog'on Cute!
- ☞ You're Such a Part of Me
- ☞ You've Captured My Heart



- ☞ (Name) has a PhD in cuteness.
- ☞ (Name) has been promoted to big brother/sister.
- ☞ (Name) keeps us going in circles! (cut out picture in circles)
- ☞ A babe at the breast is as much pleasure as the bearing is pain.  
~Marion Zimmer Bradley
- ☞ A baby has a special way of adding joy in every single day.
- ☞ A baby is a bit of stardust blown from the hand of God!

*A baby is a gift of life  
born of the wonder of love,  
a little bit of eternity  
sent from the Lord above.  
Giving a new dimension  
to the love between husband and wife  
and putting an added new meaning  
to the wonder and mystery of life.*



*A baby is a miracle sent from heaven above,  
to touch our lives with wonder,  
to fill our hearts with love.*



- ☞ A baby is a small member of the family that makes love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, the bankroll smaller, the home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten and the future worth living for.
- ☞ A baby is a touch of God's love.
- ☞ A baby's body is a joy and delight in his parent's arms.
- ☞ A baby's love is the best of all.
- ☞ A handful of happiness, a heart full of love.
- ☞ A hug a day keeps the meanies away.

*A baby's one thing  
the whole world adores,  
and the best part of all  
this one is yours!*



**A Baby Lives Here Now**  
*In the corner of the spare room,  
there's a little cradle now,  
and the day-to-day routine  
has gotten busier somehow.  
There's a bib among the napkins,  
and a talcumy perfume  
drifts around the little toys  
that lie about the room.  
The little teddy bear stands guard  
with his round and roly eyes,  
when all the house is still but  
for the sounds of lullabies.  
Yet even without all these things,  
it's still obvious somehow  
from the happiness that fills the  
air a baby lives here now.*



*A baby was created  
by the hand of God above  
to give the world the sweetest touch  
of tenderness and love.  
With the softest whisper,  
God made baby's skin  
and then designed two trusting eyes  
to put the starlight in.  
With giggles from a waterfall  
and breezes passing by,  
God made a baby's laughter  
and a tiny, sleepy sigh.  
God made the world a precious gift  
more dear and pure than gold,  
with little toes to play with  
and tiny hands to hold,  
and sent this brand-new person  
on sunshine's golden beams,  
all wrapped up in a rainbow  
of wonder, hope, and dreams.  
A cute baby boy (girl)  
to cuddle and squeeze,  
to pamper and play with  
and bounce on your knees.*



☞ A little bird told me there's someone new in the nest.

*A little bit of Heaven  
drifted down from above.  
A handful of happiness, a heartfelt of love.  
The mystery of life, so sacred and sweet.  
The giver of joy so deep and complete.  
Precious and priceless, so lovable, too.  
The world's sweetest miracle,  
baby, is you.*



- ☞ A little child enters your life and fills a special place in your heart. A place you never even knew was empty.
- ☞ A little flower picked from God's garden.

*A little one from up above  
is sent from heaven for you to love.  
So cherish all the early years  
and raise a glass to all the cheers.*



- ☞ A new bundle of joy, is it a girl or boy?
- ☞ A new mom, a new baby, a new world.

*A new little baby  
to love beyond measure.  
To add to your lives  
more joys and more pleasure.  
And may each new year  
hold for Baby and you  
the happy fulfillment  
of dreams that come true.*



- ☞ A newborn's first thought: 'Now what?'

*A precious treasure to call your own  
bringing love and joy into your home.*



*A rose can say I love you,  
Orchids can enthrall,  
But a weed bouquet in a chubby fist,  
Oh my, that says it all!*



- ☞ A small child, so precious and sweet, has come into your lives.
- ☞ A small little child so precious and sweet has come into our lives to make them complete.
- ☞ A sweet child is the sweetest thing in nature. ~Charles Lamb

*A sweet little treasure  
sent from above,  
a coo and a smile,  
all wrapped up in love.*



- ☞ A tight little bundle of wailing and flannel.

*A wee bit of Heaven  
drifted down from above.  
A handful of happiness,  
a heartfelt of love.*



- ☞ A whole lot of love for a little person.
- ☞ A B C D E F G...tell me what you think of me!
- ☞ Absolutely, positively spendiferous. ~A.A. Milne
- ☞ Agenda for the day: Eat...Burp...Sleep

*Ahhh! There's nothing better  
than baby's first juicy kiss!  
And you're so sweet and adorable  
I don't even care if you miss!*



- ☞ Are you real? Are you my own?

*Although I am small and cannot say a word  
these thoughts of my family I wish could be heard...  
I feel all your love and the kind things you do.  
I get so excited that I smile and coo.*

*A soapy warm bath or the comb through my hair  
all your soft whispers that tell me you care.  
Then wrapped in your arms it is safe and secure  
protected with tenderness that is perfect and pure.*

*And if ever I'm messy, hungry, or cold  
with just a small whimper I'm quickly consoled.  
You kiss and caress to stop me from weeping  
then patiently wait 'til I'm comfortably sleeping.*

*You make my life joyous, full of colors and fun  
when I see you each morning your face is my sun.  
So, if you aren't certain your gestures are felt  
look deep in my eyes and I'm sure you will melt.*

*They say I'll grow fast like the blink of an eye  
but do not be sad at the time that goes by.  
Because I'll remember all you've given and shared  
to get me through life completely prepared.*

*I'll be the great one who stands out in the crowd  
your hearts will be happy I'll make you so proud.  
I thank you so much for all that you do  
and never forget that I love you, too.  
~Frank Greg*



*Apple of my eye,  
star in my sky.*



- ☞ As easy as taking candy from a baby.

*At first you didn't lift your head; you didn't know to smile.  
The time before you knew my voice seemed such a long, long while.*

*I couldn't wait for you to roll, and then to sit and clap.  
And now you're off and crawling, not helpless in my lap.*

*Why didn't someone tell me how fast a baby grows,  
That every little baby stage soon comes, but sooner goes.*

*So I'll enjoy the fleeting time before you learn to walk.  
And treasure every tiny noise before you learn to talk.*

*For soon you'll learn to walk, then run, and talk and sing a song,  
and never be my babe again the babe's forever gone.*

*Little baby, take your time,  
for while you are tiny, you are mine.*



*Babies are cute and cuddly, full of charms,  
and custom made to fit in our arms.*



- ☞ Babies are such a cheerful way to start people!
- ☞ Babies are such sweet beginnings.
- ☞ Babies are works of art by God for his pleasure.
- ☞ Babies! What a wonderful way to start people!
- ☞ Babies are angels with invisible wings.
- ☞ Babies are blessings from above that fill our hearts with lots of love.

- ☞ Babies are God's proof that the best things do come in small packages!
- ☞ Babies are hugs sent from Heaven.
- ☞ Baby Philosophy: If it stinks, change it.
- ☞ Baby's daily agenda: Eat, nap, play, eat, nap, play, etc...

### **Baby's First Word**

*How can two little syllables  
mean so much?*

*How many hearts*

*has this little word touched?*

*How many hearts has it turned to mush?*

*How many little ones with their arms  
reaching up to mommy's face*

*have uttered those sweet sounds  
at their mommy's sweet embrace?*

*Mama is such a tiny word  
but very few have impact such as this  
for to a mommy's listening heart  
it is like the sweetest kiss.*



- ☞ Before you were born I loved you.
- ☞ Before you were conceived I wanted you.
- ☞ Before you were here an hour I would die for you.
- ☞ Birth Day...nothing is worth more than this day. ~J.W. Goethe
- ☞ Bless the beasts and the children.
- ☞ Bloom where you are planted.
- ☞ Bright as flowers. Be thy life's hours.

*Bless your precious little heart  
you still don't know as yet  
how happy and excited  
grown-up folks can get  
but soon you will discover  
the pride and gladness too  
that started on the happy day  
their home was blessed with you.*



*Catch the moment, put it in your heart  
the years too soon will fly.  
These are precious moments,  
more than money can buy.  
Catch the moment and put it in your heart  
and never let it go.  
Save it for the years to come  
when he/she, too, will know.*



*Cuddles, kisses, snuggles and love  
that's what baby boys are made of.  
To love, cuddle, play with, adore,  
that's what baby boys are for.*



- ~ Children are a gift of God. ~Psalms 127
- ~ Daddy/Mommy's little girl/boy.
- ~ Diaper backward spells repaid. Think about it. ~Marshall McLuhan
- ~ Dimples are a sign of the angel's kiss.

- ~ Down through a field of stars and moonbeams you were born into the world and the happiness and blessed joy you bring to us is more radiant than the sun and older than the moon. The world belongs to you baby (Name) along with all our love.
- ~ Each child is a unique and unrepeated miracle.
- ~ Each child is an adventure into a better life, an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new. ~Hubert H. Humphrey
- ~ Each time you look at your child you see something mysterious and contradictory, bits and pieces of other people, grandparents, your mate, yourself, all captured in a certain stance, a shape of a head, a look in the eyes, combined with something very precious, a new human soul rest in individuality and possibility. ~Joan Sutton
- ~ Fasten your seatbelt; it's going to be a bumpy night!
- ~ Feed, burp, change, and then repeat if necessary.

### **First Smile**

*The photographer captured your image  
digitally and on film.  
All the relatives oh-hed and ah-hed  
over the photos done by him!  
They said it looked just like you  
and wasn't the photographer smart...  
But the very first image I have of you  
was captured in my heart.  
The moment I first saw you  
and looked into your tiny face  
a snapshot was permanently implanted  
in a very tender place.  
A mommy's heart stores precious things  
to ponder all life through  
and among the treasures hidden there  
is the very first smile from you.  
~Thena Smith*



- ☞ For a good time and lots of treats call 1-800-Grandma.
- ☞ From small beginnings come great things.
- ☞ From the moment I saw you I knew it would be a grand adventure!

*For charming you, disarming you,  
and giggling with glee.  
Babies are for kissing  
and missing when you're gone.  
For walking with and talking with,  
and putting booties on.  
Babies are a pleasure  
and a treasure from above.  
They're to adore, but even more,  
Babies are for love.*



- ☞ God lent us an angel, sent from Heaven above.
- ☞ Good things come in small packages.
- ☞ Happiness is (binkie, sleeping, playing, eating, stroller ride, etc.)
- ☞ Have you ever held a baby like this?

*He is so little to be so large!  
Why, a train of cars, or a whale-back barge  
couldn't carry the freight  
of the monstrous weight  
of all of his qualities, good and great.  
And tho' one view is as good as another  
don't take my word for it. Ask his mother!*  
~Edmund Vance Cooke



- ☞ Help! Can anyone find the pacifier?

- ☞ Help! I've fallen and I can't get up.
- ☞ Here to smiles, laughter, patience, and joy. And we hope you get a healthy baby girl or boy.

*He's a heart full, a hug full  
of joy and delight.  
A sweet little bundle,  
of love at first sight.  
He's part of your life  
and your wishes and you.  
A heartfelt, a hug full  
of dreams coming true!*



*Hello there little fellow!  
The good news going 'round  
is that you've made a 'happy landing'  
and arrived all safe and sound.  
Well this just comes to tell you  
that you're lucky as can be  
to become the newest member  
of so nice a family!*



- ☞ Hip, hip hooray (Name) was born today.
- ☞ I bet your baby will come out laughing if he/she gets your sense of humor.
- ☞ I don't understand why your baby needs a shower if he isn't even born yet.
- ☞ I hope you are happy as an only child because I'm not doing this ever again!
- ☞ I knew I loved you before I met you.

*I hope my children look back on today  
and see parents who had time to play.  
Dusting and scrubbing can wait 'till tomorrow  
for babies grow fast we learn to our sorrow.  
There will be years for cleaning and cooking  
but children grow up when we are not looking.  
So settle down cobwebs and dust go to sleep.  
I'm rocking my baby and babies don't keep.*



*I look at your cute little nose,  
and how you wiggle your toes.  
I love how you smile at me.  
You're cute as a button, don't you agree?  
I look at the darling clothes you wear  
and the tiny bow in your hair.  
You seem to say to me  
'I'm as cute as I can be.'*



*I love your silly grin and your little double chin.  
I love your perfect ears and your tiny salty tears.  
I love your big blue eyes and your baby yawns and sighs.  
I love your button nose and the dimples on your elbows.  
I love your kissy lips and your grabby fingertips.  
I love your flicky thumb and your chubby baby bum.  
I love your golden, light brown hair my cuddly little teddy bear.  
I love the way you shake your head just before you go to bed.  
I love how you play and brighten up my day  
and fill all of our lives with your sunshine.  
I'm just so glad you're mine.*



☞ I remember when you were the one we were having a shower for, and now you're having another shower. It's just that this time you have to be the mom.

*I loved you from the very start,  
you stole my breath, embraced my heart.  
Our life together has just begun  
you're part of me my little one.*

*As mother with child, each day I grew,  
my mind was filled with thoughts of you.  
I'd daydream of the things we'd share  
like late-night bottles and teddy bears.*

*Like first steps and skinned knees,  
like bedtime stories and ABC's.  
I thought of things you'd want to know  
like how birds fly and flowers grow.*

*I thought of lessons I'd need to share  
like standing tall and playing fair.  
When I first saw your precious face  
I prayed your life be touched with grace.*

*I thanked the angels from above  
and promised you unending love.  
Each night I lay you down to sleep  
I gently kiss your head and cheek.*

*I count your little fingers and toes,  
I memorize your eyes and nose.  
I linger at your nursery door  
awed each day I love you more.*

*Through misty eyes, I dim the light,  
I whisper, 'I love you' every night.  
I loved you from the very start,  
you stole my breath, embraced my heart.  
As mother and child our journeys begin,  
my heart's yours forever little one.*



**I Loved You Before**

*I loved you before I even saw you  
and I saw you with my heart  
before I saw you with my eyes.*

*I loved you before you were conceived  
because I had known forever  
that someday you would be born.*

*I loved you during every moment of every day  
as I carried you in my womb  
and could hardly wait until my arms were filled  
with a tiny bundle of you!*

*I loved you during labor with every pain filled breath.  
I breathed a prayer that you would be born healthy  
and safe and strong.*

*I loved you before and I loved you during  
and I will love you forever and ever after.*

~Thena Smith



☞ I think I'm ready for the pro-circuit!

☞ I'm ready for the Tide commercial!

*I'm so very special I have been from the start.*

*Before they held me in their arms,  
my family held me in their hearts.*

*And like a single drop of rain that on still waters fall,  
My life and love will ripples make and touch the lives of all.*

*So read this precious story as step by step I grow.*

*I am a special blessing and gift as each page here will show.*



☞ If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace. ~Thomas Paine

☞ If you ever need someone to watch your baby, you know I'm available.

*If a child lives with tolerance,  
he learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns confidence.*

*If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to appreciate.*

*If a child lives with fairness,  
he learns justice.*

*If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.*

*But...*

*If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility,  
he learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,  
he learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with shame,  
he learns to feel guilty.*



*If only I could tuck away  
for some quiet distant day  
the softness of your baby skin  
and feel you close once again.*

*Photographs will have to do  
to capture days when you were new.  
But no picture knows your downy hair  
or how you calmed when I was near.  
I love to watch you grow and learn  
but there may be times when I yearn  
for your soft gentle baby touch  
when you needed me so much.*



**In Awe**

*In awe I look at you my child  
and think not only of today  
but of all the tomorrows  
that God will send your way.  
What an awesome privilege  
and responsibility  
that God has entrusted  
to your daddy and to me!  
In gratitude we thank our God  
for blessing us with this precious family.  
Acknowledging in humble reverence  
that this life created is for all eternity.  
Oh Lord help me to prepare this precious baby  
for this life that she's begun.  
But Father, help me to fit her for  
the one that is yet to come!  
~Thena Smith*



- ☞ In fourteen years, he's going to hate me for this shot.
- ☞ It is impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of babies.
- ☞ It started with a kiss and ended like this.
- ☞ It's amazing how something so tiny can bring you the most immense love you will ever know.

*It's fun to hold and cuddle them.  
It's fun to watch them grow  
and to dress them up and show them off  
to everyone you know.  
So it isn't hard to understand  
how happy you must be  
with a darling little daughter/son  
added to your family!*



- ☞ It is the morning of your life and all of your dreams are just beginning. May you grow up knowing how very much you are loved, and may you forever be surrounded by gracious hearts and people who care. Welcome to the world sweet baby, it's been waiting for you. ~Flavia Weedn
- ☞ It's too quiet, where's the baby?

*Itsy bitsy fingers,  
wiggly little toes,  
teeny tiny tummy,  
baby button nose  
lullabies and laughter,  
lots of baby things,  
and then to fill your heart,  
the love a baby brings.*



- ☞ Just the right hat for every occasion.
- ☞ Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you get all wet.
- ☞ Life's rough when your bottle's empty and your diaper is full.
- ☞ Little blessings make life a joy.
- ☞ Little blessings make life sweet.

*Little ears, little nose,  
little fingers, little toes.*



*Little girls are precious gifts,  
wrapped in love serene.  
Their dresses tied with sashes  
and futures tied with dreams.*



*Little hands and tiny feet,  
shy, and cute, and so petite;  
Little whimpers, little cries,  
darling, little sparkling eyes;  
Outstretched fingers, wiggling toes;  
God, how can you love them so?  
Children chase away the gloom,  
and sunshine fills most every room.*



*Little mannerisms oh so dear,  
laughs of happiness and cheer;  
You just can't know the joy of home,  
'til you have children of your own.  
You feel so humble, deep inside,  
and have so much parental pride;  
You can't describe the joy and pleasure,  
God has given with this little treasure;  
A million couldn't buy the joy,  
the happiness, and love, sublime;  
They're little bundles straight from Heaven,  
and, Lord, really they are mine.*



*Look how he laughs and stretches out his arms,  
and opens wide his blue eyes upon thine,  
to hail his father; while his little form  
flutters as winged with joy. Talk not of pain!  
The childless cherubs well might envy thee.  
The pleasures of a parent.*

~Lord Byron



☞ Making our dreams come true.

☞ March showers bring April babies.

*May your precious little one  
fill your lives with happy days  
in many new  
and countless ways.*



☞ Mirror, mirror on the wall who's the cutest baby of them all?

☞ Mommy's little piece of Heaven.

*My beautiful, sweet baby,  
I'll never forget the day  
when I walked into the room  
and you smiled at me that way!  
You melted my heart  
and I began to cry.  
I'd never, ever known  
the joy I felt inside.*



☞ My greatest blessings, call me mommy.

*My little hands play patty-cake,  
they peek-a-boo and wave.  
They catch me while I learn to walk,  
and splash me as I bathe.  
They hold your fingers tightly  
and touch your heart so deep.  
My little hands reach out to you  
for hugs before I sleep.  
My little hands are tiny now  
but yours will serve to guide me.  
And when I'm grown I'll still reach out  
and know you're right beside me.*



- ☞ My heart melts when you smile.
- ☞ Never knew all my hopes and dreams would come in such a small package.
- ☞ Never let a baby know you're in a hurry!

*Nothing's as precious, or brings so much love,  
as a brand new baby sent from above.*



- ☞ Oh mom, would you put the camera down!
- ☞ Oh, the Lord's been good to me.
- ☞ Okay, so I'll give you two pennies for your thoughts!
- ☞ One moment's proof of Heaven's existence.

*One small hand to hold in yours, one small face to smile,  
one wet kiss as he says 'good-night' one small child.*



- ☞ Our family tree is blessed with thee!

*Precious and priceless,  
so lovable, too,  
the world's sweetest miracle,  
baby, is you.*



*Precious one,  
so small, so sweet  
dancing in on angel feet.  
Straight from Heaven's brightest star  
what a miracle you are!*



- ☞ Presenting the newest member of our family.
- ☞ Reach high and touch the stars.

*Roses 'round the door,  
Babies on the floor,  
Who could ask for more?*



- ☞ Signed, sealed, delivered, I'm yours.
- ☞ Small blessings make life a joy.
- ☞ Sittin' up watching the world go by.
- ☞ So many things, so little time.
- ☞ Some days I just can't decide what to wear.
- ☞ Some miracles take a lot of work.

*Someday I'll jump through puddles,  
take a stroll or run a race.  
Someday I'll walk across the street,  
or maybe walk in space,  
Someday I'll scale a mountain,  
or I'll join a ballet corps.  
Someday I'll walk a tightrope,  
or explore the ocean floor.  
Someday these feet will do some things,  
that only heaven knows,  
But for today they're happy  
just to wiggle all their toes.*



- ☞ Something wonderful has just sprouted.

☞ Sometimes even the littlest wishes come true.

*Sometimes you get discouraged,  
because I am so small  
and leave my little fingerprints  
on furniture and walls.  
But everyday I'm growing  
and soon I'll be tall  
that all these little fingerprints  
will be difficult to recall.  
So here's a little handprint  
That you can put away  
so you will know how my fingers looked  
on this special day.*



☞ Special babies are the seeds in God's miracle garden.

☞ Such a big miracle in such a little baby.

☞ Sugar & Spice...a whole lotta spice.

*Special people all around  
love and happiness abound.  
Babies, presents, cake, flower  
thank you for the baby shower.  
Thanks for all the work you've done  
to welcome our new precious son.*



*Sweet babe, in thy face  
soft desires I can trace,  
Secret joys and secret smiles,  
little pretty infant wiles.  
~William Blake*



☞ Sweet Pea: Water often with tender love and care, grows fast!

☞ Tell me again about the day I was born.

*Ten little fingers,  
ten perfect toes,  
fill our hearts with love  
that overflows.*



*Ten tiny fingers,  
ten tiny toes,  
rosebud cheeks,  
and a cute button nose.*



☞ Ten little fingers that from the very start will reach out for tomorrow yet always hold your heart.

☞ Ten pound baby melts 200 pound man.

☞ The best thing to spend on kids is time.

☞ The blessings of life are upon you.

☞ The hands in the cradle rule our world.

☞ The Hebrew word for parents is horim, and it comes from the same root as moreh, teacher. The parent is, and remains, the first and most important teacher that the child will ever have.  
~Rabbi Kassel Abelson

☞ The moon sang a lullaby and a star danced in Heaven on the day you were born.

☞ The Wonder Year (a year in review)

That smiling little sunbeam,  
 with the sparkle in her eyes,  
 with that charming baby manner,  
 she is Heaven in disguise;  
 Just as busy as a minute  
 and so happy all day long...  
 that's my girl, and when she's near me,  
 nothing ever can go wrong.  
 She's a precious little helper,  
 as she follows me about,  
 with her endless bits of chatter,  
 she is sweet, without a doubt.  
 If I scold her when she's naughty,  
 and her little face is sad  
 then I give her something special,  
 just to try to make her glad.  
 There's a doll in every corner,  
 and a toy on every chair  
 and a book that she's been painting,  
 and forgot and left it there;  
 But the way she says,  
 'I'm sorry,' is a precious sight to see...  
 that's my girl, and all's forgiven,  
 because she means the world to me.  
 She's so very diplomatic for a tiny little miss  
 and she fills my heart with gladness,  
 with a tender hug and kiss.  
 There's no angel quite as lovely,  
 with a ribbon on her curl  
 and there'll never be another,  
 quite as sweet, 'cause that's my girl.



- ☞ The world shines bright with endless possibilities each time a child is born.
- ☞ There is no finer investment for any community, than putting milk into babies. ~Winston Churchill

The day has finally come,  
 the pain begins to reel.  
 You never could imagine,  
 just how this would feel!  
 Then when it's all over,  
 and there's finally peace  
 there's this incessant crying,  
 that doesn't seem to cease!  
 In between the whining,  
 you try to catch a wink.  
 But once again the wailing starts,  
 so loud you cannot think!  
 Here's this precious bundle,  
 that fills your heart with joy  
 Lying there so tranquilly,  
 watch out he's being coy!  
 As soon as you sit down to eat,  
 it's hungry he will be  
 and while your food grows cold and hard,  
 he'll be spitting peas!  
 Now the day's so beautiful,  
 you put him in his buggy.  
 Suddenly you smell that smell,  
 you best take stock in Huggies!  
 All of this is normal,  
 but watch for what's ahead  
 'cause it's when he gets older,  
 that you should fear and dread!



- ☞ There will be showers of blessing.
- ☞ There will be showers of gifts.
- ☞ There's no other like my baby.
- ☞ There's no such thing as too much hug. ~A.A. Milne

*The hand that rocks the cradle,  
but there is no such hand.  
It is bad to rock the baby,  
they would have us understand.  
So the cradle's but a relic  
of the former foolish days,  
when mothers reared their  
children in unscientific ways.*

*When they jounced them and they bounced them,  
those poor dwarfs of long ago.  
The Washingtons and Jeffersons, you know.  
~Bishop George Washington Doane*



*The Lord has blessed you once again  
with the birth of your dear son.  
A gift of love sent down to you  
and a blessing to everyone.  
We pray that God will impart to you  
His wisdom and His grace.  
That you may raise him to become  
a man with Godly faith.*



*The mystery of life,  
so sacred and sweet.  
The giver of joy  
so deep and complete.*



*The wait is finally over,  
you're home, at last, to stay.  
And there will always be the memories,  
of the joy that filled this day.*



- ☞ There's nothing like a baby to make you smile.
- ☞ There's only one pretty baby in the world, and everybody has it.
- ☞ There's something about that name.

*These little hands will grow to be,  
big and strong and helpful, you see.  
These teeny-tiny little toes,  
will carry this body that grows and grows.  
This precious, sweet and radiant smile,  
will help me go the extra mile.  
And deep inside, a soul and heart,  
destined to be special from the start.*



- ☞ This must be what 'Tough Love' is all about.
- ☞ They placed you in our arms and all our dreams came true.
- ☞ Tiny blessings make life a joy.

*This little tiny baby  
was sent from God above  
to fill our hearts with happiness  
and touch our lives with love.  
He must have known we'd give our all  
and always do our best  
to give our precious baby love  
and be grateful and so blessed.*



*Three, two, one  
what a bundle of fun!*



*Tiny fingers, tiny toes,  
 tiny features, tiny clothes.  
 A baby girl, so soft, so sweet  
 has come to make our lives complete.  
 We watch you grow, so quick, so fast  
 for, as a baby, it does not last.  
 Your older sister, who is now four  
 already speaks of plans in store.  
 But, little one, please take your time  
 let me be selfish, keep you as mine.  
 For time goes by, and that's for sure  
 a little baby you'll be no more.  
 But that is life, the saying goes  
 tiny fingers, tiny toes.*



- ☞ Tough Love: It's tough to love something this stinky!
- ☞ Twinkle, twinkle, little star...how I love you as you are.
- ☞ Twinkle, twinkle little star...who's the cutest baby by far?



*Two little feet, ten little toes,  
 leave their impressions today.  
 Soon they will wear little shoes,  
 and be running  
 and jumping at play.  
 Two little feet, too little time,  
 before they are walking to school,  
 kicking a rock, or skipping a rope,  
 wading a puddle or jumping a pool.  
 Two little feet, one little child,  
 will soon go their own way,  
 but footprints in my mind recall,  
 they stood here yesterday.*



*Two tiny feet, that wave in the air.  
 Two tiny hands, that tugs at your hair.  
 And an adorable little face,  
 a bundle of joy to love and embrace.*



- ☞ We made a wish, and you came true.
- ☞ We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up. ~Phyllis Diller
- ☞ We're really excited to meet the new member of the family. Enjoy all of the adventure of having a baby!

*We've waited so long for this special day,  
 for a child of our own to be sent our way.*



*What is the little one thinking about?  
 Very wonderful things,  
 no doubt;  
 Unwritten history!  
 Unfathomed mystery!  
 Yet he laughs and cries,  
 and eats and drinks,  
 and chuckles and crows,  
 and nods and winks,  
 as if his head were as full of kinks  
 and curious riddles as any sphinx!  
 ~Josiah Gilbert Holland*



- ☞ What wondrous things God has made.
- ☞ When a child is born, the angels sing.

- ☞ When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments: Tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become. ~*Louis Pasteur*
- ☞ When the first baby laughed for the first time, the laugh broke into a thousand pieces, and they all went skipping about. And that was the beginning of fairies. ~*Finding Neverland*
- ☞ When they put you in our homes, you fell into our heart.

*When those tiny fingers curl  
so sweetly around your own,  
you'll feel some of the deepest joy  
that you've ever known.  
Because it doesn't take so long  
to understand how much  
your whole life can be transformed  
by a gentle baby's touch.*



*When we compare the baby pictures  
it takes my heart by surprise.  
She's got your pretty blond hair  
and your mischievous eyes.*



- ☞ When you smile the whole world lights up.
- ☞ Where is baby's ear, eye, nose, mouth, etc.?
- ☞ Which will it be a he or a she?
- ☞ With my good looks, I could stop traffic!
- ☞ Yeah, I know I'm in trouble, but you love me anyway.
- ☞ You and me so happy together.

*Where did you come from baby dear?  
Out of the everywhere into the here.  
What makes your forehead so smooth and high?  
A soft hand stroked it as I went by.  
Where did you get that smile of bliss?  
An angel gave me a tender kiss.  
Where did you get your feet, the darling things?  
From the same box as the cherubs' wings.  
How did they all just come to be you?  
God thought about me, and so I grew.  
But how did you come to us my dear?  
God thought about you, and so I am here.*



*Who knew a sunbeam could be so enchanting?  
That a game of peek-a-boo could make you laugh every time?  
Who knew simple baby songs were so wonderfully silly,  
or that bananas make the best finger-paints?  
Who knew that one little person could take your hand  
and show you the world all over again?*



*With a love that's running over,  
by the sight of you alone,  
welcome home, dear cherished one,  
at long last...Welcome Home!*



*With babies come toys  
and a whole world of joys,  
and all kinds of fun things to do.  
With babies come laughter  
and love ever after.  
With babies,  
sweet dreams all come true.*



- ☞ You are my special angel sent from Heaven above.
- ☞ You can have the car if you'll just stop crying.
- ☞ You must have been a beautiful baby.

*You were six months old and full of fun,  
with a blink of an eye, you suddenly were one...  
There were many things we were going to do,  
but I turned my head and you turned two...  
At two, you were very dependent on me,  
but independence took over when you were three...  
Your third birthday, another year I tried to ignore,  
but when I lit the candles there weren't 3, but four...  
Four was the year that you really thrived,  
why, look at you now, you're already five...  
Now you are ready for books and rules,  
this is the year that you go to school...  
The big day came; you were anxious to go,  
we walked to the bus, going oh so slow...  
As you climbed aboard and waved goodbye,  
I felt a lump in my throat and a tears stung my eyes...  
Time goes so fast, it's hard to believe,  
that yesterday you were home here with me...  
And tomorrow when the bus brings you home and  
you jump to the ground  
you'll be wearing your cap and graduation gown...  
So I'm holding on to these moments as hard as I can,  
because the next time I look,  
I'll be seeing a grown man!*



- ☞ You will have the great responsibility of looking after a helpless human being soon. Here's to the fun of responsibility.
- ☞ You've come a long way baby.

## **BATHING**

- ☞ A Boy/Girl & His/Her Duck
- ☞ Aquaholic
- ☞ Bare'ly Dressed
- ☞ Bath Time is Splash Time
- ☞ Bathing Booties
- ☞ Bubble Bash
- ☞ Bubble Boy/Girl
- ☞ Bubble Buds
- ☞ Bubble Your Troubles Away
- ☞ Buns & Bubbles in the Bath
- ☞ Hog Wash
- ☞ Mommy's Little Squirt
- ☞ Private Bath - No Peeking
- ☞ Rub a Dub in a Tub
- ☞ Scrubbily Bubbily
- ☞ Soap Dodger
- ☞ Splish Splash
- ☞ Sud Buds
- ☞ SUDZ
- ☞ The Bare Necessities
- ☞ Tub Scrubbin'
- ☞ Tubby Time
- ☞ Water Water Everywhere
- ☞ Where's My Rubber Ducky?
- ☞ You Quack Me Up
- ☞ Yummy Bubble Gummy
- ☞ All Clean Now
- ☞ Bare Necessities
- ☞ Bath Time Bubbles
- ☞ Bath Time Pals
- ☞ Bub in a Tub
- ☞ Bubble Bath Fun
- ☞ Bubble Bubble
- ☞ Bubbles of Joy
- ☞ Bubbling Over with Fun
- ☞ Get Wet
- ☞ Just Ducky
- ☞ Pass the Rubber Ducky Please
- ☞ Rub-A-Dub-Dub
- ☞ Scrub-A-Dub-Dub
- ☞ Scrubby Dubby
- ☞ Soap is for Sissies
- ☞ Splish Splash Baby's First Bath
- ☞ Suds Up
- ☞ Sweet Cheeks
- ☞ The Little Streaker
- ☞ Tub Time Fun
- ☞ Water Boy
- ☞ Wet Behind the Ears
- ☞ www.bathtime.com
- ☞ Your Idea of a Great Bath



- ☞ Anatomically correct beats politically correct any day.
- ☞ Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble.
- ☞ Bubbles, bubbles, who's catching bubbles?
- ☞ Conserve water...bathe with a friend!
- ☞ Country baths...Used Water 5 cents, Fresh Water 10 cents.
- ☞ Double the bubbles, double the fun.
- ☞ Fresh and clean and smelling sweet.
- ☞ If you bathe, get thoroughly wet.
- ☞ May your day bubble over with fun.

*Rub-a-dub-dub  
there's a boy/girl in the tub  
splashing and shouting with glee.  
He's/She's scrubbed and he's/she's rubbed  
and he's/she's played in the tub  
and he's/she's as clean as can be.  
Scrub a dub, there's a boy/girl in the tub.*



*Rub-a-dub-dub  
there's a cute girl in the tub  
with cheeks, knees,  
and elbows to scrub.  
She'd be clean in a flash  
but there's water to splash  
rub-a-dub-dub.*



### **CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW BABY**

- ☞ Congratulations! A brand new miracle...to call your own!
- ☞ Congratulations Mama and Papa Bear...Baby Bear seems just right!
- ☞ Congratulations on becoming a mother. You'll do a great job in your new role.
- ☞ Congratulations on the next adventure of your life, and the first adventure of your baby's life.
- ☞ Congratulations on your new arrival! Just remember...babies are subject to change without notice.
- ☞ Congratulations on your new baby!
- ☞ Congratulations on your new development. You are proving to be a creative person.
- ☞ Congratulations to the sweet new addition to your family.
- ☞ Congratulations! You are now a parent, embarking on the most important job you will ever have: Influencing a human life!

*There is nothing more precious  
than the miracle of life.  
(Name) you've changed into a mother  
having first become a wife.  
Now (Name) is a father  
with his son/daughter upon his knee.  
There is nothing more rewarding  
this is how it's meant to be.  
A child completes a family  
and there's nothing more to say  
except to wish you joy and happiness  
upon each and every day.  
Congratulations!*



*This brings Congratulations  
and the warmest wishes too.  
Now that you have a brand new son  
to share your life with you.  
For there's nothing any nicer  
than a bouncing baby boy  
to fill your home with happiness  
and Your hearts with pride and joy.*



*To the lucky pair who now will share  
the love of someone small,  
to the 'Someone New' a welcome, too,  
and Best Wishes to you All!*



*When they passed out babies,  
you really cleaned up...  
and wiped up...  
and mopped up...  
and stayed up!  
Congratulations!*



### **CLIMBING / CRAWLING / STANDING**

- ❧ Baby on the Move
- ❧ Climbing New Heights
- ❧ Crawling the Corporate Ladder
- ❧ I'll Do Anything Once
- ❧ If I Can Reach It, I'll Touch It
- ❧ Just Learning
- ❧ Look at Me
- ❧ Look at Me Go!
- ❧ Moving Up in the World
- ❧ Pull-ups
- ❧ Reaching New Heights
- ❧ Stand for What you Believe in
- ❧ Standing Solo
- ❧ Upward Mobility
- ❧ Watch Out Mom and Dad
- ❧ We're Moving on Up!
- ❧ What an Effort!



- ❧ If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
- ❧ Stand strong or you'll fall for anything.

