

A SONG WRITTEN FOR DEREK

Heartfelt Journey

Just because



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On September 19, you arrived
A day I'll always hold with pride
You were under the car, like your dad
Those early scenes still make my heart
 feel glad
You taught your baby brother how to read
You caught bugs and tadpoles, wild and free

*Derek, I'm proud of the man you are
A caring son whose heart reaches far
A devoted father, husband true
Full throttle, that is you*

I carried you nine months, then one hard day
You carried me three flights when breath
 gave way
When asthma stole the air I tried to find
Your strength stayed gentle, patient, and kind
Each hour, your grandma struggled to breathe
We cried as life left her, in our grief
You made Shanae', your friend, your wife
A new chapter opened in your life

*Derek, I'm proud of the man you are
A caring son whose heart reaches far
A devoted father, husband true
Full throttle, that is you*

You work so hard, yet never ask for praise
I see your kindness in a thousand ways
Keep facing each new challenge, brave
 and true
May every challenge show the strength in you

*Derek, I'm proud of the man you are
A caring son whose heart reaches far
A devoted father, husband true
Full throttle, that is you*

*That September day still shines so clear
My love and pride will stay right here*



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