A SONG WRITTEN FOR ANNA

# Eternal Embrace

*Just because*

In 1960, by the pool
I slipped below the water's pull
You brought me safely back to air
And held me close with steady care
Your watchful heart stayed by my side
You made the world feel safe and wide

> *Anna, I thank you for your care*
> *You stood between me and despair*
> *No one could bring me any harm*
> *Forever safe within your arms*

I tagged along on all your dates
You combed my hair though school was late
You took the blame when I'd done wrong
And made me feel that I belonged
At sixteen, you earned minimum wage
You gave me an allowance from your pay
Then Hawaii took you far away
For fifty years, I've missed you every day

> *Anna, I thank you for your care*
> *You stood between me and despair*
> *No one could bring me any harm*
> *Forever safe within your arms*

Grandchildren keep you rooted there
Great-grandchildren brighten each day
I'll send my love across the air
And keep you close though far away

> *Anna, I thank you for your care*
> *You stood between me and despair*
> *No one could bring me any harm*
> *Forever safe within your arms*

*Across the miles, your love stays near*
*My grateful heart will hold it dear*

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