A SONG WRITTEN FOR SAMANTHA JOSEPHINE

Eternal Embrace

Just because



July seventeenth, they placed you in my arms
I thought that heaven had come down that day
Like porcelain, so small and full of charms
Time stood still and took my breath away
My heart was born the moment you were near
That moment's still forever bright and clear

> *Samantha Josephine, I'm proud to be your dad*
> *You work and go to school with steady grace*
> *To see you build your life makes my heart glad*
> *Here's to our future, face to face*

Then you were taken, and my world went dim
I bore the deepest pain I'd ever known
After long years, we found a way to speak
My heart raced hard, no longer carved in stone
The rollercoaster turned, but you're with me
I'll give you room to breathe and walk with care
My granddaughter feels like a gift to see
I hope we learn to know each other there

> *Samantha Josephine, I'm proud to be your dad*
> *You work and go to school with steady grace*
> *To see you build your life makes my heart glad*
> *Here's to our future, face to face*

I'll take it slow, let every new day grow
With open hands, I'll meet you where you are
I'll let our trust unfold, then overflow
Just thankful that you're near, just as you are

> *Samantha Josephine, I'm proud to be your dad*
> *You work and go to school with steady grace*
> *To see you build your life makes my heart glad*
> *Here's to our future, face to face*

One heart still beats beneath an open sky
I hold our future close as days go by

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