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## ELIZABETH'S SONG

We had a lovely daughter  
And we thought our lives fulfilled  
From the moment we first held her  
We loved her then, we love her still  
But like some rare and precious flower  
She bloomed only for one Spring  
And she left us in the Summer  
Her life over before it could begin  
But what still really hurts us  
Is when, to try to spare us pain  
From good intentions  
Our friends won't mention  
Her name  
We speak her name and a silence falls  
As if she never lived at all

But in their silence we hear questions  
They ask "What comfort can we give?  
When we can't share the grieving  
Of a life that was barely lived"  
And why we so loved and treasured  
What was only briefly ours  
As if love can be measured  
In years, or months or hours  
For once your heart is given  
It is no longer yours  
And though it's easily broken  
When love's awoken  
The heart endures  
So much light for so small a flame  
So much joy, so speak her name

So please won't you talk about her  
Don't be afraid of how we'll feel  
You won't make the scars cut deeper  
You can only help them heal  
Talk about our lovely daughter  
Her big wide eyes and her beautiful smile  
Help us once again to hold her  
If only for a little while

Let us lean upon your shoulder  
When the burden gets too hard to bear  
For joys are heightened  
And sorrows lightened  
When they're shared  
Help keep alive her tiny spark  
That still lights up the corners of our hearts

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