

Remembering

Creating Memories

*Ideas and Suggestions for Headstone Inscriptions
& for creating Memoriam/Thank You Cards
& Bookmarks*



*Creating Memoriam/Thank You
Cards & Bookmarks
for
Family & Friends*

This little booklet is only a guide; you may have pieces of poetry that you or a family member wrote in memory of your baby, which would be lovely to have included on a special card or memoriam.

Take your time deciding, especially on the wording you want included on your baby's headstone, as it is there forever.



Dear Parents

*I did not die young
I lived my span of life
Within your body
And within your love
There are many
Who have lived long lives
And have not been loved as me
If you would honour me
Then speak my name
And number me among your family
If you would honour me
Then strive to live in love
For in that love, I live
Never ever doubt
That we will meet again
Until that happy day
I will grow with God
And wait for you*

Christy Kenneally

This beautiful poem was written by Christy Kenneally for ISANDS to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Charity and to help the campaign for a Stillbirth Register.

Ideas for Inscriptions

Born Asleep

See...

I will not forget you..
I have carved you on the palm of my hand
(Isaiah 49:15)

When a loved one becomes a memory
That memory becomes a treasure.

I gathered it in all its freshness
Before a single breeze had damaged its purity.

Those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

No longer in our lives to stay
But in our hearts you are always there.

Time passes, life goes on
But from our hearts you are never gone.

A tiny flower lent not given
To bud on earth and bloom in heaven.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Love and remembered everyday.

Always in our hearts
Forever in our thoughts.

Never more than a thought away.
You're so wonderful to think of
But so hard to be without.

In the hearts of those who loved you
You will always be there.

Though absent you are very near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal...
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane
I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.

You have left your tiny footprints on my heart.

Verses

Our thoughts are ever with you
Though you have passed away.
And those who loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today.

Everyday in some small way
Memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are always near
Still missed, loved and always dear.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God can tell us why.

In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day (name.....),
That we do not think of you.

Your life was a blessing
your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure...


An angel in the book of life
Wrote down our baby's birth
She whispered as she closed the book
"Too beautiful for earth."

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

Think of him/her as living
In the hearts of those he/she touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he/she was loved so much!

A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps your memory ever dear,
God took you home, it was his will,
But in our hearts, you live still.

God called your name so gently,
That only you could hear,
No one heard the footsteps,
Of the Angels drawing near.




There is no night
Without a dawning
No Winter without a Spring
And beyond
Your new horizon
Your heart once more
Will sing
You leave us for a while
And only gone away
Out of our restless world
In to a brighter day



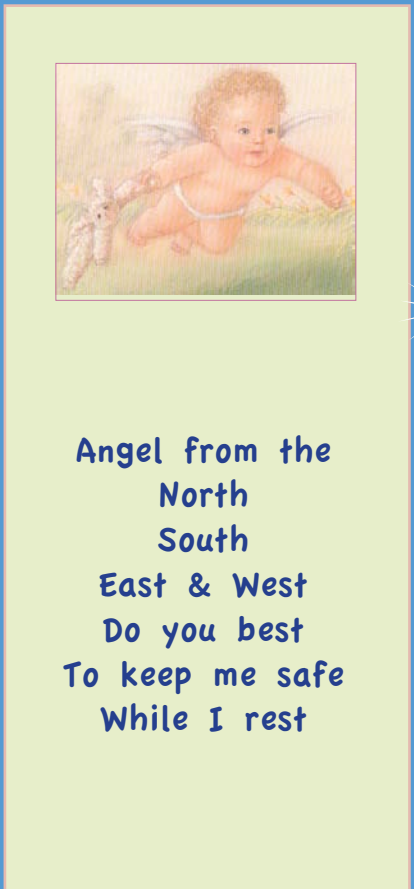
Paul

Born Asleep



See
I will not forget you..
I have carved you
on the palm of my hand

Isaiah 49:15



We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us through out our lives
Until we meet again

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No farewell words were spoken
No time to say 'goodbye'
You were gone before I knew it and
Only God knows why

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There is no night without a dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond your new horizon
Your hearts once more will sing

*

Our Lady wished a pretty flower
To lay at Jesus' feet
Her choice was of the fairest
A lily pure and sweet

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Not gone from Daddy memory
Not gone from Mammy's love
But gone to shine with Jesus
In his beautiful home above

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They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor season
Will change the way I feel

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As angels hovered o'er the earth
This blossom met their eyes
So wondrous fair they marked it out
As fit for paradise

*

A silent grief that's in our heart
No human eye can trace
For many a broken heart is hid
Beneath a smiling face

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Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was ...
I'm there inside your heart

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Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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There never comes a moment
That I don't think of you
Or a day that passes
That your face is not in view
And when I'm feeling lonely
And tears come to my eyes
I think of you at peace
And know I shouldn't cry
So I try to hide the heartache
As you would want me to
And when I shed a tear
No one knows but you

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If we could have a lifetime wish and one dream that could come true
We would pray to God with all our hearts just to see and cradle you
A thousand words won't bring you back we know because we've tried
and neither will a million tears we know because we've cried
You've left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too
But we've never wanted memories we only wanted you

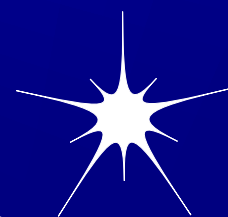
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To the Child in my Heart

O precious tiny sweet little one you will always be to me,
so perfect pure and innocent just as you were meant to be.
We dreamed of you and of your life and all that it would be,
we waited and longed for you to come and join our family.
We never had the chance to play,
to laugh to rock to wiggle, we long to hold you,
touch you now and listen to you giggle.
I will always be your mother, he'll always be your dad,
you will always be our child, the child that we had.
But now you're gone...but yet you're here,
we'll sense you everywhere,
you are our sorrow and our joy, there's love in every tear.
Just know our love goes deep and strong, we'll forget you, never.
The child we had, but never had and yet we'll have forever.

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Got a picture of you I carry in my heart,
Close my eyes to see it when the world gets dark,
Got a memory of you I carry in my soul,
I wrap it close around me when the nights get cold,
If you ask me how I'm doing I'd say just fine,
But the truth is, if you could read my mind,
Not a day goes by, that I don't think of you,
After all this time, you're still with me it's true,
Somehow you remain, locked so deep inside,
Not a day goes by...



The Cord

We are connected, my child and I,
by an invisible cord not seen by the eye.
It's not like the cord that connected us 'till birth,
this cord can't be seen by anyone on earth.
This cord does its work, right from the start,
it bonds us together, attached at the heart.
I know that its there though no one can see,
the invisible cord, from my child to me.
The strength of this cord, it's hard to describe.
it can't be destroyed, it can't be denied.
It's stronger than any cord, man could create,
it withstands the tests, can hold any weight.
And though you are gone, not here with me,
the cord is still there, but no one can see.
It pulls at my heart, I am bruised....I am sore,
but this cord is my lifeline, as never before.
I am thankful that God connected this way,
A mother and a child, death can't take it away!

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There Is A Special Angel

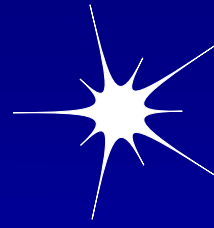
There is a special Angel in Heaven that is part of me.
It is not where I wanted him but where God wanted him to be.
He was here but just a moment like a night time shooting star.
And though he is in Heaven he isn't very far.
He touched the heart of many like only an Angel can do.
So I send this special message to the Heaven up above.
Please take care of my Angel and send him all my love.

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We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow too
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know
Remembering you is easy
We do it everyday
Its the heartache of losing you
That will never go away

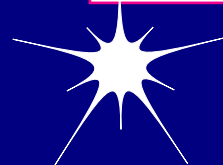
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I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright
I'm there to share the sunsets, too ...
I'm with you every night
I'm with you when the times are good
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall ...
I'll still be there for you
And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me ...
Forever in my heart



*A tiny flower
Lent not given
To bud on Earth
And
Bloom in Heaven*

Remembering



Love Eternal

Close your eyes sweet love...
For an angel cradles your gentle spirit,
Airy light,
Listen closely my love...
For an angel whispers to your heart a heavenly promise...
Lie gently my love...
For an angel bears your sorrows upon gossamer wings...
Close your eyes sweet love...
For an angel takes you to new beginnings, ethereal bright...
Speak softly my love...
For an angel listens to the hopes
You left behind...
Touch your dreams my love...
For an angel you have become...
Love eternal.

by Sun Spirit

Unfinished melody [Translation from the Original Polish version]

I believe in your being, that you exist somewhere out there
And that you understand why
I believe that nothing happens without a purpose
So much wrong have happened to us
I live with hope that we will meet again
I will then forgive the world
I live with hope you don't miss your mummy
I can't think in any other way
So little time we had
Few weeks, that's all
It's like music notes played only once
Of your melody
But I learned it by heart
And will be humming it silently
Sometimes my voice will tremble
As I know, you won't be back

by Inga

I Carry Your Heart With Me

I carry your heart with me , I carry it in my heart
I am never without it , anywhere I go you go, my love;
And whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling.
I fear no fate ,for you are my fate, my sweet
I want no world, for beautiful you are my world, my true
And it's you are whatever a moon has always meant and
Whatever a sun will always sing is you
Here is the deepest secrèt nobody knows
here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of the tree called life; *
which grows higher than the soul can hope
or mind can hide
And this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart.*
I carry your heart *
I carry it in my heart!

By E. E. Cummins



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