

## Welcome Little Stranger

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You came from the skies  
With Heaven in your eyes,  
To gladden my heart and way  
With your prattle and your play.

—Elizabeth Tesh Willingham

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## The Power of Mother Love

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Mother's love can hold you,  
Mother's love can fold you  
Safe within a heart that's brave and true.  
Mother's love can soothe you,  
Mother's love can smooth you,  
Make the rough ways plain and new.  
Mother's love can trust you,  
Mother's love can thrust you  
Back from things your soul might rue.  
Mother's love can chide you,  
Mother's love can guide you  
To everlasting peace with Christ in you.

### CHORUS

The God above, a Mother's love  
With Christ in you, with Christ in you.

## Birthday Greeting

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Many happy birthdays  
Through the coming years.  
More of joy than sorrow,  
More of smiles than tears.  
May your friends and loved ones  
Fragrant bring.  
Through the clouds and sunshine  
May all your days be Spring.

—Elizabeth Tesh Willingham

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## To A Friend

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Neither space nor years  
Can erase from memory,  
The past joy of a loved one's  
presence.

—Elizabeth Tesh Willingham

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my grandmother, from Winston Salem, N.C. was  
all of Moravian families. She wrote quite a few  
poems, and did oil paintings. She was a good cook,

and she made my mother's wedding dress. by Tom Lawton Buckner, Sr.