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Eden's Light: A Father's Prayer for Daughter

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Beneath the stars, my dearest child, you sleep,
Eden, my heaven, pure and mild you are,
Innocent smile that lights my darkest days,
May it forever with you stay, my love.

Your laughter rings with joyous, tender sound,
A cherub's grace in you I've found, so bright.
Though time will pass, I dread the fleeting years,
Of childhood's light, its gentle, soft embrace.

The world unknown, a place so vast and wild,
Its cruel touch can strip so fast and harsh,
Your tender heart, your blissful, carefree cheer,
But as your father, have no fear, my dear.

I bless you, daughter, with a heart so full,
A gift from heaven, sent from realms above.
Joslyn, your name, with grace it stands so proud,
As Mother's touch in God's own sacred hands.

In Ezra's eyes, a brother's care will shine,
Together, we will always share this bond,
Our strength, our love, to shield your fragile soul,
To keep you whole, to make you whole, my child.

I never wish for you to weep or sigh,
In shadows dark, in dreams that twist and turn.
Your father's here, your brother too, to lift,
To lift you up, to see you through the storm.

Oh, stay my child, don't grow too fast, I pray,
Hold on to innocence, make it last long.
For in my heart, you're always small and bright,
My heaven, my cherub, my guiding light.

The world outside is cold and sharp, my dear,
Its edges cut, its ways are often cruel.
But here with me, your father's arms, you're safe,
Protected from the tempest's fierce assault.

Your smile, a beacon in the darkest night,

A light that guides, a star that never fades.
May it endure, through all the trials faced,
A constant joy, a warm, enduring flame.

I watch you grow, each day a step away,
From tiny hands that cling to mine with trust.
Yet in my heart, you'll always be my girl,
The one who laughs, who smiles with pure delight.

Eden, my heaven, stay within my reach,
Let not the world erode your gentle ways.
For you are more than just a child to me,
You are my dream, my hope, my everything.

And as the years unfold, my love remains,
A steadfast force, unyielding, strong and true.
For in your smile, I find my own reprieve,
A glimpse of heaven, pure and ever new.

So laugh, my love, but let your smile endure,
A mark of joy, untainted by the world.
For in your eyes, I see a future bright,
A future filled with love, with hope, with light.

Stay young at heart, though time may urge you on,
Hold fast to dreams, let innocence be strong.
For in my heart, you'll always be the same,
My little girl, my cherub, my delight.

And as you grow, remember this, my dear,
Your father's love will always hold you near.
For you, my child, are precious, rare, and true,
My Eden Joslyn, blessed, I love you so.

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