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MY HEART IS CLOSE

LAINÉY BRIERTON

I knew as soon as I walked out the hospital doors
That you wouldn't be my baby anymore.
The conversation when I had to say goodbye
You spit and spattered, but I had to tell you I loved you
And let you know how much you mattered.
When you went from one mother's arms to another
My heart broke and my world was shattered.
I knew I would always love you, just from afar,
But I envied the mother who got to take you home
in her car.
I mothered you, grew you, loved you, and knew you.
The way you kicked when I would sing,
The way you rolled when I was sleeping.
The doctors said you were perfect.
With raven hair wisps and soft blue sea eyes.
But I felt I couldn't take the credit
And say that angel, she's mine.
For months I hugged my belly with you inside,
Praying you wouldn't leave, because you would
still be mine.

But I had a dream for you.
That exceeded anything I could do.
Your parents will love you, I can see it in their eyes.
They will guard you, guide you, ease all of your cries.
The look on their faces when I told them they would
be your home
I knew in my heart that I couldn't raise you alone.
But my love you have a chance, and every opportunity,
To be what you want, and make your dreams a reality.
I'm sorry I never gave you a lullaby, and I hope you
don't hold it against me.
I couldn't find the words to sing, but now I want you
to hear my dream.
I want to see you love earnestly, honest, and fervently.
To hear a laugh escape your smile like a young child.
To take full control of your life, and never stop doing
what's right.
Just be the best you can be, be the best you can
be for me.
Because I love you, Addy.