

## **Resources for a Baby's Funeral**

Quite often when a parent has lost their baby, they will be in a huge state of shock and may be unable to make basic choices and decisions. It is the responsibility of the hospital and funeral professional to gently guide the bereaved parents with regards to choices and options for the baby's funeral. It may be that choices normally used for adults are just not appropriate when it comes to a baby or small child. We have compiled some resources appropriate for a baby's funeral:

### **Suggestions**

He's got the whole world in his hands.

If I were a butterfly ,ld thank you lord for giving me wings...

Jesus bids us shine.

red and yellow and pink and green (rainbow song)

This little light of mine.

Somewhere over the rainbow.

Twinkle twinkle little star

### **Funeral Songs for Babies - Popular Music**

"Amazing Grace" (Elvis Presley)

"In the Arms of an Angel" (Sarah McLachalan)

"Angels Among Us" (Alabama)

"As Long As I Can See the Light" (Creedence Clearwater Revival)

"Ave Maria", (Perry Como)

"Baby Mine" (Bette Midler)

"Because You Loved Me" (Celine Dion)

"Blessed" (Elton John)

"Borrowed Angels (Kristin Chenoweth)

"Bright Eyes" (Art Garfunkle)- [click to see lyrics](#)

"Butterfly" (Mariah Carey)

"Candle in the Wind (Elton John)

"Change The World" (Eric Clapton)

"Circle Of Life" (Elton John, from The Lion King)

"Close to You" (The Carpenters)

"Con Te Partiro"/"Time to Say Goodbye " (Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman)

"Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" (Elton John)

"Evergreen" (Barbra Streisand)

"Fly" (Celine Dion)

"Have I Told You Lately" (Rod Stewart or Van Morrison)

"Hallelujah" (Jeff Buckley)

"Hero" (Mariah Carey)

"Home" Daughtry

"I Am Your Child" (Barry Manilow)

"I Can See Clearly Now" (Johnny Nash)

"I'll Be Missing You" (P. Diddy, Faith Evans)

"I Will Always Love You" (Dolly Parton or Whitney Houston)

"I Will Remember You" (Sarah McLachalan)

"If" (Bread)

"If I Could Be Where You Are" (Enya)

"I'll Remember April" (Frank Sinatra)

"Imagine" (John Lennon)

"In My Life" (The Beatles)

"Keep me in Your Heart for Awhile" (Warren Zevon, he wrote it before he died of cancer)

"Knocking of Heaven's Door" (Bob Dylan)

"Lean on Me" (Bill Withers)

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Jill Jackson and Sy Miller)

"Life Is A Highway" (Tom Cochrane)

"Longer" (Dan Fogelberg)

"Memories" (Elvis Presley)

"Memory" (Barbra Streisand)

"My Way" (Frank Sinatra)

"One Sweet Day" (Mariah Carey (featuring Boyz II Men)

"Only the Good Die Young" (Billy Joel)

"Over The Rainbow" (Judy Garland, from Wizard Of Oz)

"Run to Paradise" (Choirboys)

"Seasons in the Sun" (Terry Jacks)

"She's Got A Way" (Billy Joel)

"Simply the Best" (Tina Turner)

"So Far Away" (Carole King)

"Softly as I Leave You" (Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams)

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World (Isreal Kamamawiwo'ole)

"Stairway to Heaven" Led Zeppelin

"Stand by Me" (B.B. King)

"Tears in Heaven" (Eric Clapton)  
"Tenderly Calling" (John Denver)  
"The Rose" (Bette Midler)  
"The Way We Were" (Barbra Streisand)  
"To Where You Are" (Josh Groban)  
"Unforgettable" (Nat King Cole/Natalie Cole)  
"Up Where We Belong" (Joe Cocker, Jennifer Warnes)  
"What A Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong)  
"Wind Beneath My Wings" (Bette Midler)  
"Wish You Were Here" (Pink Floyd)  
"Wishing You Were Here" (Chicago)  
"You Are So Beautiful To Me" (Joe Cocker)  
"You Are The Sunshine of My Life" (Stevie Wonder)  
"You'll be in my Heart (Phil Collins)-  
"You're My First, My Last, My Everything" (Barry White)  
"You're the Inspiration" (Chicago)  
"You've Got a Friend" (James Taylor)

### Funerals for Babies - Poems

A Child Loaned

"I'll lend you for a little time

A child of Mine." He said.

"For you to love the while he lives

And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may be six or seven year  
Or twenty-two or three  
But will you, till I call him back  
Take care of him for Me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you  
And should his stay be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay  
Since all from Earth return,  
But there are lessons taught down there  
I want the child to learn.  
I've looked this wide world over  
In my search for teacher's true,  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,  
I have selected you;  
Now will you give him all your love,  
Nor think the labour vain  
Nor hate Me when I come to call  
And take him back again?  
I fancied that I heard them say,  
"Dear Lord, They will be done,

For all the joy Thy child shall bring,  
For the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known,  
Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him  
Much sooner than we planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
And try to understand."

Edgar A. Guest

Tears

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane,  
I'd walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you home again.  
No farewell words were spoken  
no time to say goodbye  
you were gone before I knew it,  
and only God knows why.  
My heart still aches in sadness  
and secret tears still flow,

what it meant to lose you,

no one will ever know.

Author Unknown

My Little Angel

You've just walked on ahead of me

And I've got to understand

You must release the ones you love

And let go of their hand.

I try and cope the best I can

But I'm missing you so much

If I could only see you

And once more feel your touch.

Yes, you've just walked on ahead of me

Don't worry I'll be fine

But now and then I swear I feel

Your hand slip into mine.

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.  
Author Unknown

Heaven's Special Child  
A meeting was held quite far from earth.  
"It's time again for another birth,"  
Said the Angels to the Lord above,  
"This special child will need much love.  
His progress may seem very slow,  
And he'll require extra care  
From the folks he meets way down there.  
He may not run or laugh or play  
His thoughts may seem quite far away,  
In many ways he won't adapt,

And he'll be known as handicapped.  
So let's be careful where he's sent  
We want his life to be content.  
Please, Lord, find the parents who  
Will do a special job for you.  
They will not realize right away  
The leading role they're asked to play,  
But with this child sent from above  
Comes stronger faith and richer love.  
And soon they'll know the privilege given  
In caring for this gift from Heaven,  
Their precious charge, so meek and mild  
Is Heaven's very special child!"

– Author Unknown

Precious Son

God, I know you gave your precious Son  
To give us life with You.

But we didn't want our son to leave,  
Cause he was precious too.  
We all are special in your eyes  
And all to you return.

We know our son will not come back,  
And for this our hearts still yearn.  
Our time on earth is for learning,  
And when our lessons are through,  
Our Lord will choose the time we leave,  
And we come back to you.  
Our precious son is with you,  
And there will be a day,  
That we too will leave this earth,  
And you will light our way.  
His arms will be wide open,  
And the wait will be worthwhile,  
When we see again our precious son,  
And the splendor of his smile.

Anon

I Only Wanted You

They say memories are golden, well, maybe that is true.

I never wanted memories, I only wanted you.

A million times I cried.

If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place no one else could fill.  
If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane.  
I'd walk the path to Heaven and bring you back again.  
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us back one by one, the chain will link again.  
Vicky Holder

#### Epitaph On A Child

Here, freed from pain, secure from misery, lies  
A child, the darling of his parents' eyes:  
A gentler Lamb ne'er sported on the plain,  
A fairer flower will never bloom again;  
Now let him sleep in peace his night of death.

#### The Day God Took You Home

In tears we saw you sinking,  
And watched you pass away.  
Our hearts were almost broken,  
We wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping,

So peaceful, free from pain,  
How could we wish you back with us,  
To suffer that again. It broke our hearts to  
lose you, But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home.

Anon

God Took Him To His Loving Home

God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.  
He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered 'Come with me.'  
He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.  
He faced his pain with courage, until the very end.  
He tried so hard to stay with us but his fight was not in vain,  
God took him to His loving home and freed him from the pain.

Anon