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In Memory of Tony Garcia

*loving husband of Angela M. Garcia
and Daddy of Vida Mia Garcia
and Alegria Toni Garcia*



An Untitled Poem by Tony Garcia

My child
a baby, mine to hold, and smell
and kiss
while its listless arms dangle in the air
and its head bobs from side to side
I think of what and how
the baby will be
for me... her father
and what will I say... to her
how will I tell her that I am not ready
to teach her all she needs to know
that I still have to learn myself,
that there is not enough time
before she comes...

bring me my baby
my love
to my arms
before I die from despair
let me hold her in my arms
and let her cling to my strength
as I help her form a balance
like my father did with me
with love
hurry my child, hurry
three more months to go
so slow so slow so slow

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