

My sweet babies who aren't babies anymore.
Such pure hearts, clear vision and big laughs

LLL, I have never known a child more empathetic than you. At 2 years old, without my asking you once bought me my slippers. Another time you bought over my forgotten travel mug full of tea. Your sweet way of saying "I love you, Mommy".

Throughout the years you've showered us with many "I love yous". You have a splendid way of raising the positive energy in a space just by simply being in it.

I cannot forget to share your amazing sense of independence and "I can do it myself" attitude that's been present all along.

The toddler you would grab the big 6 foot rake, almost 3 times your height, and push the leaves back onto the driveway. I was way too impressed to micro-manage that.

I'm in awe by how quickly you memorize scripts and songs for theatrical productions. Keep doing what you love and you'll shine in it.

HHH, my "yes, let's do this" kid. You're a kind, loving and creative person. When you were close to 3 you would literally stand on your dad's shoulders, when he was sitting on the couch. Your balance was awe-inspiring. And yes for a mom, a little nerve-racking, but you were good at keeping your balance and clearly enjoyed the challenge. The reason I call you my "yes, let's do this kid" is because you almost always say yes to an activity, sport or event you're invited to. Whether it's karate, going to concerts, skiing, baseball, yoga, meditation, playing guitar/banjo, drums, ... I can go on and on; you are usually up for it. I so admire that about you. As you grow; more and more enticing invitations, obligations and demands will be made on your time. What I wish for you Harry, and your sisters, is balance; kind of like the balance you practiced on standing on your daddy's shoulders.

It's okay to say 'no thanks', or "not right now" or "I'll think about". Folks around you will ask for what they want. I hope you and Lucy remember to ask yourselves 'what do I want'? What do I love doing, that helps me grow, that does take effort but feels more like play. Go for that! Forget the naysayers and surround yourself with many YAYsayers!