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The Hardest Love

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I held her tiny hand  
Tightly in my own.  
Walking step by step in unison  
Seeming together, but really alone.

Inside I held the secret  
I dared not tell her yet.  
Instead giving her hand a squeeze  
Knowing soon she'd be upset.

*I was doing what she needed,  
I tried repeating in my head.  
That does not make it easier,  
Is what I thought instead.*

*Sometimes when you love someone...  
I started to explain.  
But my speech didn't matter,  
I still would take the blame*

*I love you so much,  
I tried once more,  
I know you won't understand.  
Today we have to do something we've never done before.*

*I wish I was enough for you,  
I wish I could help you mend.  
Yet there is no more I alone can do, I said  
As words and tears began to blend.*

*Here you'll get the help you need.  
Here you'll find your health.  
Because being deep down happy  
Is the most important kind of wealth.*

*I love you, little child of mine.  
I love you to your core.  
I love you through the goods and bads,  
It's you that I live for.*