

## Mom, It's OK Now

Mom, I had wanted so much  
to be held by you  
to feel your love,  
God's love in your hugs  
And to love you  
to give you kisses,  
as I kissed you back.

I looked forward so much  
to the name you would give me  
But know what?  
When you get here  
I'll let you know the name  
The Father's blessed me with.

Mom, don't be sad, it's OK now  
You will always be my mother  
and I will always be your child  
And this child of yours, Mom,  
will always love you  
because without you  
I would not be at all.

—poem by B. E. Scott

**CCC 1261** “As regards *children who have died without Baptism*, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.”