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To My Dearest Daniel

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To My Dearest Daniel

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Of all the Christmases before

You were the gift we'd waited for

Nothing compared to the joy you brought

Or the chaos your arrival wrought

While we awaited seeing you

Far earlier than first thought due;

You were the reason for our joy,

A perfect, healthy baby boy

Someone to fill our hearts with love

And grant our wishes from above;

With this our Christmas was complete

That we may savor what is sweet

And turn our gazes toward the light

Because we see your future as so bright.

After months awaiting the joyful day

There are no words to properly say

All the things that should be said

As we look to your life ahead.

For you I only wish the best

Of every moment and every test

That you may see adventures great,

That people never make you wait,

That love and kindness will abound

That your feet never touch the ground.

With wings of clouds I hope you soar

So life does not become a chore

And nothing holds you in a bind

But everyone you meet is kind.

These are the things I want for you

My sweetest, dearest Nephew.

Forever may I see you grow

Into a man I hope to know.