

When I Hold You

A woman with dark, wavy hair and a red hair clip is holding a baby. She is wearing a blue dress with a red ruffled collar. The baby is wearing a green onesie. They are surrounded by a lush garden with various flowers, including yellow daisies, red tulips, and purple blossoms. There are also butterflies and bees in the scene.

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"The breath of the Almighty gives me life." - Job 33:4

When I hold you close today,
your gentle breaths take mine away.



When your tiny hand grabs mine,
God's tender nearness comes to mind.

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." -Philippians 4:5 HCU



"But as for me, God's presence is my good." -Psalm 73:28

When I rock you 'neath the moon,
the Lord's good presence fills the room.



"My lips will glorify you because your faithful love is better than life." - Psalm 63:3

When I hear your cooing voice,
my heart remembers to rejoice.

"For I am the LORD your God, who holds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'" -Isaiah 41:13

When I dream with you today,
I pray God holds you close always.



Such joy and love when I hold you!

When I Hold You is a celebration of the unique yet universal experience of motherhood. With lyrical rhyme and diverse illustrations, this delightful book shows how a mother's love for her child reflects God's tender care for us. Scriptures woven throughout every spread invite both mother and child to worship their heavenly Father, whose love for His children lasts forever.



ASHLEY HUFFSTUTLER and her husband, David, have two daughters and live in Birmingham, Alabama. Right after the birth of her second daughter, Ashley was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Through the trials of surgery and treatment, Ashley's faith in Jesus has grown, and the gift of motherhood has become all the more precious. This is Ashley's first children's book.

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