



## THE BASICS CAREGIVER'S PROMISE

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With my heart I will love you  
And shield you from stress.  
With my mouth I will speak what I feel.  
With soft words and sweet songs every time I behold you  
I'll show you that my love is real.

With my fingers I'll point at the objects I name  
And I'll count them in groups to compare.  
With my feet I will take you outdoors to explore  
While we play and enjoy the fresh air.

With my eyes I will read as I show you the world  
Through bright pictures and stories in books.  
These are ways to make sure that your brain is prepared  
For successes wherever you look.

This my promise I make from the day of your birth  
That these Basics I'll faithfully do.  
For my job is to help you grow happy and smart  
Starting now when your life is brand new.

You will learn that your life is an artwork.  
And that you are the artist in charge.  
But before you decide what to do with your life  
Listen now  
To the beat  
Of my heart.

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