

Ashlyn's Poem
An Angel Never Dies

*Don't let them say I wasn't born,
That something stopped my heart
I felt each tender squeeze you gave,
I loved you from the start.
Although my body you can't hold,
It doesn't mean I'm gone.
This world was worthy, not of me,
God chose that I move on.
I know the pain that drowns your soul,
What you're forced to face.
You have my word, I'll fill your arms,
Someday we will embrace.
You hear that it was "meant to be,
God doesn't make mistakes,"
But that won't soften your worst blow,
Or make your heart not ache.
I'm watching over all you do,
Another child you'll bear,
Believe me when I say to you,
That I am always there.
There will come a time, I promise you,
When you will
hold my hand, Stroke my face
and kiss my lips,
And then you'll understand.
Although I've never breathed your air,
Or gazed into your eyes
That doesn't mean I never "was"
An Angel never dies.*

Prayer for Ashlyn

*Lord, you framed this child in the womb;
you have known her by name before time began.
We now wish to name this little one Ashlyn Gracie-Leigh Lurkins
who we shall treasure in our hearts forever.
We pray for Molly and Lee who are saddened by the loss of their baby.
Give them courage and help them in their pain and grief.
Ashlyn, you were and are so very special to so many.
To show how much you truly mean to everyone here today,
we would like to share some of our thoughts whilst Small Bump from Ed Sheeran plays.
A song chosen simply because Ashlyn, you were tiny-a little bump.
As this song plays,
please do take your seats and spend as much time as you need writing your thought cards.
When you are ready, please do place them with Ashlyn.*

*Small bump
Ed Sheeran*

*A poem for my sister
from Lottie*

*It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart sister
And that's where you'll always be
I know that heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone
Because a part of me went with you
When heaven called you home
So just remember one thing
We are not apart
You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart.*

Farewell blessing

*We hope you are comforted by the things we have placed with you,
your dummy from Lottie,
photos of everyone who love you and who will always be thinking of you,
your blanket that Nanny made, chosen by Lottie,
your Daddy's top
and a ring of Mummy's that she held onto in memory of Alfie.
Now that you and Alfie are together,
it feels right that this is with you now.*

Tribute from Daddy

*Our precious baby girl
Our hearts broke when yours stopped,
We had to meet you far too soon.
But little princess you can rest peacefully now,
Stay safe with your big brother until we are with you both again.
Your forever in our thoughts and hearts
We love you unconditionally
Forever and always.*

A Poem for my Daughter from Mummy

*Oh precious, tiny, sweet little one
You will always be to me So perfect, sweet,
and innocent just as you were meant to be.
We dreamed of you and your life
And all that it would be.
We waited and longed for you to come And join our family.
We never had the chance to play, To laugh,
to rock, to wiggle.
We long to hold you, touch you now,
And listen to you giggle.
I will always be your Mummy
He will always be your Daddy.
You will always be our child,
The child that we had. But now you're gone,
but yet you're here
We sense you everywhere.
You are our sorrow and our joy,
There's love in every tear.
Just know our love goes deep and strong.
We'll forget you never
The child we had, but never had,
And yet, will have forever.*

A Poem for my Daughter from Daddy

*Listen...can you hear it?
A heavenly choir sings.
Another little angel
Just got her set of wings.
There's joy and there is shouting
As she steps through heaven's gate.
They are all lined up to greet her.
All the angels celebrate.
Her eyes are shining brightly
And a smile lights her face,
As she receives her halo
And takes her special place.
She's the smallest little angel With the biggest kind of love.
She's wiser than an owl
And more peaceful than a dove.
And though there's joy in heaven, There is sorrow down below.
broken hearts are crying Since they had to let her go.
So she watches them from heaven
But she knows the time will come,
They will join their precious daughter
When their work on earth is done*

Reflection music
Loving you
Nathan Grisdale

Closing words

Ashlyn's Poem for Mummy and Daddy

Daddy, please don't look so sad.
Mummy, please don't cry,
because I am in the arms of Alfie
and he's singing me lullabies.
Please try not to question why,
I just had to go.
You see, I'm a special child.
I am needed up above.
I'm the special gift you gave,
a product of your love.
I'll always be there with you,
so watch the sky at night.
Look for the brightest star
and know that's my halo's brilliant light.
You'll see me in the morning frost,
that mists your window pane.
That's me in the summer showers,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
When you feel a gentle breeze,
from a gentle wind that blows.
Know that it is me,
planting a kiss upon your nose.
When you see a child playing,
and your heart feels a tug.
Don't be sad mommy,
that's just me giving your heart a hug.
So daddy, don't look sad.
Mummy please don't cry.
I'm in the arms of Alfie
and he's singing me lullabies.

Closing music
Dancing in the sky
Dani & lizzy