

A family is a Place

A family is a place where
you can feel totally comfortable
drink, eat, walk around and
scratch your rump and bull
crap or cause a flap
'cause you can't take a nap.

A family's like your best friend
because they know your weaknesses
and can make you mad when they
get in between your creases is
like a splinter under your fingernail
they can bug you 'til you scream and
yell.
But they still love and accept you...
lift you up and respect you.

A family is a place
of all your childhood memories,
birthday parties, sibling rivalries,
Christmas, your first tooth,
learning to talk
hopscotch
chalk on the sidewalk.
Sharing, caring,
watching as each other grows--
through ups and downs, highs and lows
a families goes
together
in any weather.

And when the daughter leaves
to start her own families,
and as your daughter-child
grows as tall as trees
mom will help you
understand
how to raise that girl-kid
just like her mom did
with you.
It's true.

She knows how you feel
she'll keep it real
so you don't makes
the same mistakes
as she.
Then you'll see...
this is family.

And when mom gets old
and it's time to love her back

as she needs to be told
how much everyone cares,
when she needs help
getting up the stairs
or out of chairs...
But, beware!
This will cause the family
someday
to see what life's all about
and say
someday:

"The wheel of life is turning
round and round..."
in one breath, life to death
spring showers,
summer flowers,
fall leaves burning,
winter returning
and one by one
grandparents first,
to quench death's thirst
then mom and dad will pass
aunts and uncles next
but we are not hexed
understand
it's life's plan:
there would be no love without death
we each must take our last breath
so too must die
our sisters and brothers
and family others...
snow covers
and winter's cold stare
will gaze
on their graves.
So trust:
"Ashes to ashes...
dust to dust."

You see,
fame and fortune do not last.
When the championship's
game ring
and the glory has passed,
we will all discover fast
love and family mean the
same thing.