

*10 Years Without Our Baby*  
*4-5-96 to 4-5-06*

It seems like a long time  
It seems like yesterday

Nothing has changed  
Everything has changed

The memories are painful  
The memories are sweet

We see your smile and sparkling eyes  
We can't remember your sweet voice or touch

The road had been rough  
The road has been long  
The road has had many twists and turns

The hills are steep  
The valleys deep  
The detours were many

We haven't moved at all  
Yet we are far along

The pain of missing you is terrible  
The pain of missing you is finally bearable  
It is our burden which we embrace

Sometimes we can't stop thinking about you  
Sometimes we can't start

We cry when we think of you  
We smile when we think of you

Sometimes it makes us crazy  
Sometimes it makes us very crazy

We missed you then  
We miss you now  
We'll miss you always

We loved you then  
We love you now  
We'll love you always

It's been a long journey  
but we can now think of you  
and breath  
and smile

You were a gift

You still are

XOXOXO

Mom & Dad

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