

## **An Openly Adopted Child's Legacy**

Once there were two expectant mothers.  
One carried and cared for you beneath her beating heart  
She became your Birthmother.  
The other carried the hope of you within her.  
She became your Mom.  
As the days passed, and you grew bigger and stronger,  
Your Birthmother knew that she could not give you all you needed after your  
birth.  
Meanwhile, your Mom was ready and waiting for you.

One day your Birthmom and your Mom found each other.  
They looked into each other's eyes and saw a friend.  
Your Birthmom saw the life your Mom could give you.  
Your Mom saw how much your Birthmom loved and cared for you.  
They decided that what you needed was both kinds of love in your life.

So now you have two families,  
One by birth, the other by adoption.

And you have a home where you can get:  
your questions answered,  
your boo boos bandaged,  
your heartaches soothed,  
And much needed hugs.

*And* a place where you can find:  
answers to your questions,  
your image in the mirror,  
a part of yourself,  
And much needed hugs.

Two different kinds of families  
Two different kinds of love  
Both a part of you.