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for "Isaiah"

Seeing you for the first time was no surprise.  
On my mind; happy to see your eyes looked just like mine.  
After nine months of waiting, I finally met my son,  
Faced with the responsible decision: "be a dad" or run.

But, I chose to stick with it. Not knowing what will come next, but  
Realizing why God intended men and women to have sex.  
I helped bring you to this world, and now I understand,  
All the times my father said, "Soon son you'll be a man"

A new generation begun, in the flesh you take flight,  
My main concern is to mold you—teach you how to do right.  
First is respect for your mother who made the choice to give  
Birth. She loved you so much to have you, she was willing to hurt.

To be a man that's my job; to teach you the value of knowledge,  
Taking care of your family, and always, to God you pay homage.  
You come from a long line of strong men, continue to struggle,  
Honor heritage and your race, stand firm in the belly of trouble.

Fight hard if you must, because life will always suppress you,  
Stay strong in love and in faith, because you will be tested.  
Keep your head up. Stand strong and never be timid.  
I'll love you no matter what you do, son, just know,  
sky is the limit.

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