

TURNING TO RAINBOWS

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Momma, are you ok? BABY

Yes baby. MOMMA

You want my bear? BABY

No baby, I'm fine. I just feel.... MOMMA

Like what? BABY

What? MOMMA

You feel like what? BABY

MOMMA

I Feel like an ocean, without the Moon
I look like
My morning face, but it's the afternoon.
I sound like a badger must sound
When she loses her badge
Or when you hear something happy
And you're still sad.

Or when you eat your favorite food-

BABY

I like pizza, with veggie sausage.

MOMMA

Like eating pizza with veggie sausage
And it doesn't give you the same feeling
Your belly is full, but without the good feelings
You usually get. You understand?

BABY

Momma if you feel bad, I know what we could do. Momma, Momma look, hold my hand.

(They hold hands).

BABY

Now let's turn into rainbows.

(They turn into rainbows).

MOMMA

This feels funny.

BABY

It does.

MOMMA

I've never been a rainbow before. I don't think we can stay like this. People might feel funny about it, funny in a bad way.

BABY

Who cares what people say, as long as we feel good.

Momma, we're going to get through this time.
You'll get a job again, and it'll be a better one, one without headaches and bad fumes, you always said you hated that anyway.

BABY

And you'll feel good
Like hot chocolate
When it meets marshmallow

MOMMA

And you'll stay sunny
Like a dress that's yellow.

BABY

And you'll be protected
Like a Arma
Discovering her dillo

MOMMA

And you'll be peaceful
Strong
And soft
Like a pillow

Baby, I don't know when we'll be eating veggie pizza again.

BABY

That's ok momma, lets breathe and do yoga.

MOMMA

But how can we do that if we're rainbows?

BABY

We should turn back. But let's keep the rainbows on the inside.

(They turn back, but keep the rainbows on the inside).

BABY

Are you ok Momma?

MOMMA

Yeah. Yeah I'm doing just fine.