



In Your Hands

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***You are the parent.
You are the teacher.
Here is your child.***

**In your hands is the life of a child.
If either of you pushes too hard or pulls too much, you lose this child.
This child needs both of you to work together, to listen to each other,
To build a foundation that will support a lifetime of learning.
It takes both of you to make this connection.**

**Hold tight but not too tight.
The smallest breeze can blow you off course. Be ready to shift your hold at any time - sometimes you must adapt to each other. Be ready to compensate for one another's weaknesses. This child needs both of you, as you are right now.**

**Take this openness and this flexibility with you.
Listen carefully with your heart.
And remember this child.
Work together - for his future...for her future.**

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