

*When we can't be together.*

The Present



**"If you live to be a hundred,  
I want to live to be a hundred minus one day,  
so I never have to live without you."**

*- Winnie-the-Pooh*

## **The Present Project**

### **The Present**

is actually a double entendre.

The appearance is of a “present” including a bow.

The real meaning however, is that the contents represent images and stories about the present time.

About the Present – About Today.



The image here is of a box with a ribbon fastened around it. The ribbon can be fastened and unfastened without destroying the bow.

The contents within the box are either in the form of looseleaf pages or a booklet.

The content within the pages are photos or artwork and simple stories, both of which illustrate the bonds between two families though thousands of miles separate them.

# The Present Project

The looseleaf version.



These images represent the cover page and two of a total of fifteen pages within.

The contents are looseleaf pages printed on one side (or two) with special effect representations of a family in vignettes with simple, poetic stories about one family's experiences with this family.

# The Present Project

The booklet version.



These images represent the front cover and two of a total of twelve interior pages.

The contents make up a booklet printed on two sides with special effect representations of a family in vignettes with simple, poetic stories about one family's experiences with this family.

# The Present Project



This a larger image of the cover.

The images following on the last page are larger representatians of two of the inside pages.



# The Present Project



Gardner, Jessy, Olivia and Walter hide amongst the little fish.

During the summer over the years I've traveled to visit our new family in Italy. The times we spend together are magical. The special hours in the sun near the ocean. The glistening flower gardens in the rain. And the smiles from my newly discovered children will remain in my heart much like a star twinkles in the midnight sky.

Joanne has plans to illustrate her impressions of the family and life events that have contributed to the very special bond that has grown between the two families.



Olivia, Jessy and Walter join the orchestra.

When we visit, we are always treated as special guests no matter how long our stay. We are welcomed as part of the family and of course we then have the privilege to partake in all the family traditions. We even get to go to school and meet friends and insegnanti. What a joy it is later when we sit around the fire and laugh.