

# A MESSAGE TO NEW MOTHERS

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As I kiss his tiny little feet, his toes press against my nose and he makes strange noises with his mouth which sounds like a fart and little spit bubbles fly out. His feet are chubby. I don't mean his ankles and I don't mean his thighs. I mean the soles of his feet are fat. They're pink, fat, and delightful. And soon they will be large, course and not so delightful. When I say soon, I mean it's going to be really soon. There is a very small amount of time where babies stay that small. Today he has learnt something new. And this week, he knows a lot more than he knew last week. In a few months, I will forget how small he was, how blissful his face was on my breast and how beautiful he smelled in my arms. Puke and all. In a few months I'll forget the smell and the tininess and innocence. In a few years I'll be arguing and fighting to get him to be a certain way. A few years after that I will call him and hope he has the time to tell me how he's doing before he has to rush off. I will love him no less, that I have no doubt. That to this day till forever, the love will just grow, but he will not be ever as he is today.

Mothers I know all around me say I can't wait till he or she grows up, so he or she can do this and that. We forget to stop and enjoy what we have today.

Years ago when mothers had all the time in the world to care for their babies, being stuck at home breast feeding was not of concern. Today however we have things to do, movies to catch, friends to meet, places to travel to, and coffee to drink. I'm lucky that I have time. Since I have the choice to be home bound I can spend time with my baby and watch him turn into a person. But whether a mother goes out to work or stays at home and works, I hope she knows how special this time is. That as a mother being the most special person in the little souls world is a given. We will never be so needed ever again. So enjoy it and try not to get ruffled when he wakes up and cries for you after a short nap. After all, it won't be for long.

