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Dear Mr. Munsch,

Even as a child I worried about growing up, everything about it; where I would go, what I would do, but most importantly, who I would be like. Having two older brothers I was afraid I would become as distant and moody as they were toward my parents. As independent as I was, drifting away from my parents was the last thing I wanted.

Now that I'm older I have realized being independent, yet staying close to my parents is possible. As I grew up every night was a daily ritual of telling each other we loved one another. They reminded me this with a simple saying from Love You Forever, by Robert Munsch.

“I'll love you forever,
I'll like you for always,
As long as I'm living
my baby you'll be.”

This book really represents my childhood. My parents may not have rocked me every night, but there were always hugs.

Thinking back on my life I wasn't exactly a perfect child. In fact, I was quite a bit like the boy in the story. When I was younger I was always making messes and I still sometimes say bad words. I'm not always home for dinner and at times my parties get too loud. However, just like the mother in the story my parents have never stopped loving me. No matter what I had done I would get a hug at night.

My life hasn't led me too far yet, although I'm technically an adult now at 18 years of age. I know that when I graduate at the end of the year and move out, my parents will be waiting for me at home, but will also probably come and visit me in my dorm room. The best part is that I love them too and I'm not embarrassed to show everyone who my parents are. They can visit anytime they want and I them. We can stay close, despite the many miles between.

When I get married and move into a house I know my parents will still keep in touch. They will come and play with their grandkids, showering them with their love. No matter where I go or what I end up doing we will stay together, because to them I will always be their little baby girl and to me they'll always be my mommy and daddy. Even when they get older and can't visit me we will keep in touch. I will visit them and call and e-mail. More importantly, I will teach my children exactly what to say to them so my parents always know how much they are loved and appreciated.

“I'll love you forever,
I'll like you for always,

As long as I'm living
My (grandparents) you'll be."

It has always surprised me when I read this story how well it represents my life. A tear always trickles down my cheek as I reach the end, knowing that is exactly how my life will be. I can't help but smile through my tears, reading and knowing that whatever happens my parents will always be with me.

Sincerely,

Sarah Chase

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