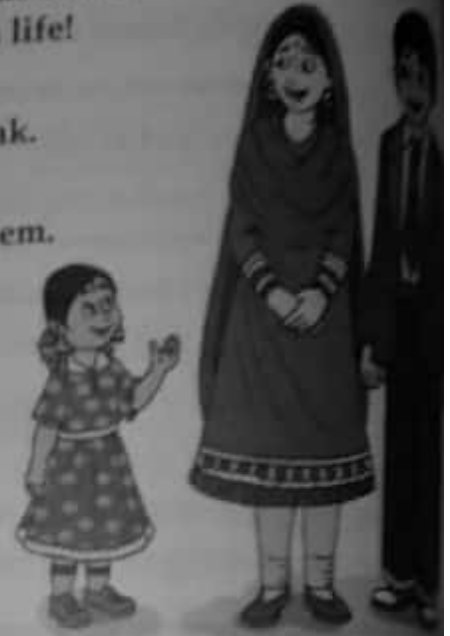


## As You Grew

*As you grew we doled out love, affection and truth to nurture you. Now that you part to take your place in the universe, we pray that you look within to seek us. Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class to read this touching poem.*

- As you grew, no matter what happened we looked at the sunny side of life.  
 As you leave, **take with you the wisdom to focus on the 'good' in life!**  
 As you grew, we encouraged you to be open and direct.  
 As you leave, **never lose your honesty with those whom you speak.**  
 As you grew, we helped you find solutions.  
 As you leave, **always remember there is a solution to every problem.**  
 As you grew, we encouraged individual thought and action.  
 As you leave, **continue to be independent and persevere when faced with life's challenges.**  
 As you grew, we reinforced the value of family and friends.  
 As you leave, **always make time for family and friends.**  
 As you grew, we shared many happy times.  
 As you leave, **always take time to laugh every day.**  
 As you grew, we taught you values, right from wrong.  
 As you leave, **always stay true to your own values, don't be influenced by others.**  
 As you grew, we emphasised money is not happiness.  
 As you leave, **always cherish the simple things in life!**  
 As you grew, we encouraged you to live each day,  
 As you leave, **take with you the thought that each day you are given is a 'present'!**



*Catherine & Byron Pulsifer*

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**doled** : gave out an amount of food, money, etc., to a number of people in a group  
**nurture** : something/somebody that  
**reinforced** : made a feeling or an idea stronger

### A Little More Of The Poem

*(Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class to do these exercises)*

1. What do you understand by, 'take with you the wisdom to focus on the 'good' in life'?
2. Why is honesty important in life? You may give your own ideas.
3. What happens when you know the difference between right and wrong?
4. Why is simplicity important?
5. How can you enjoy the present?