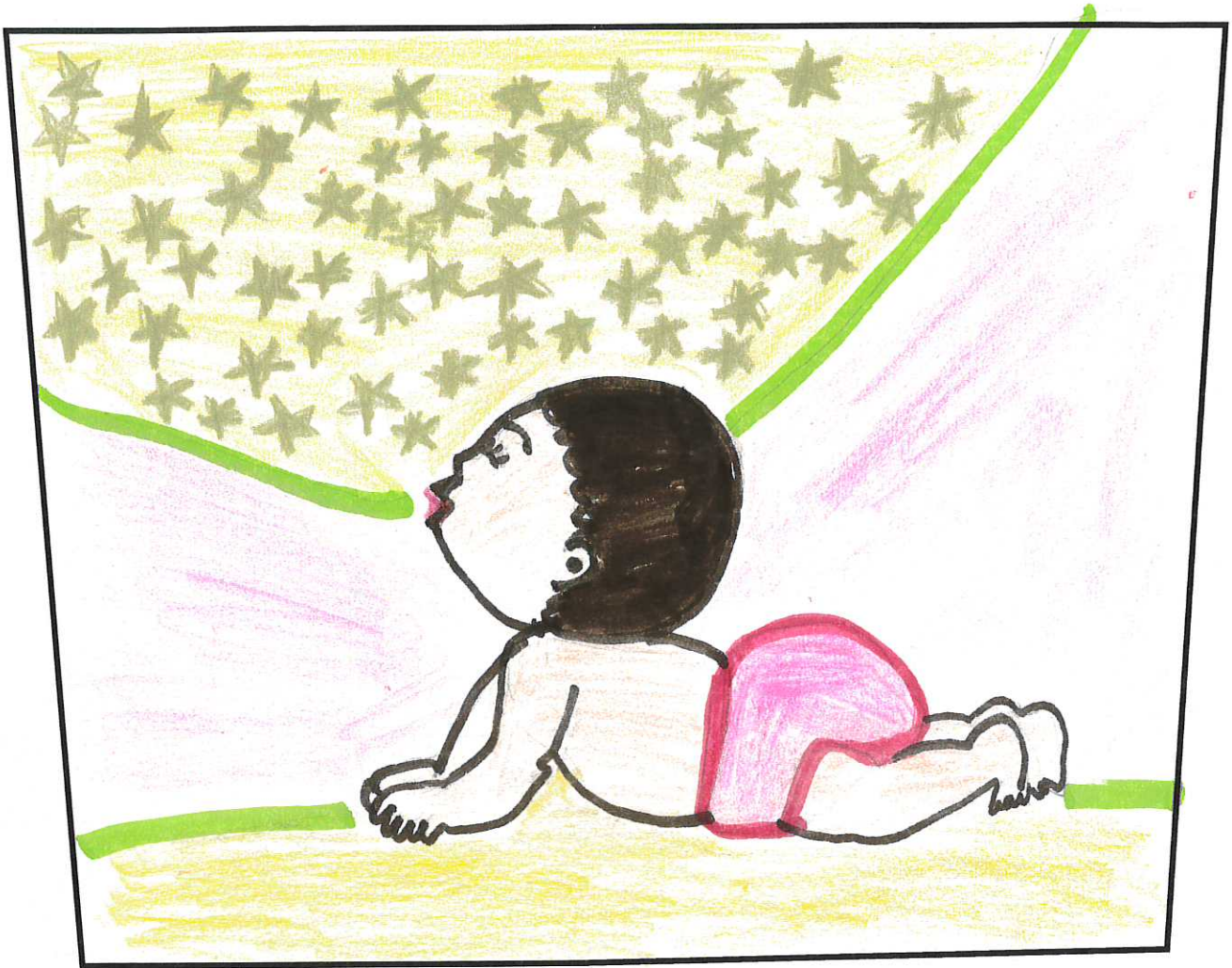




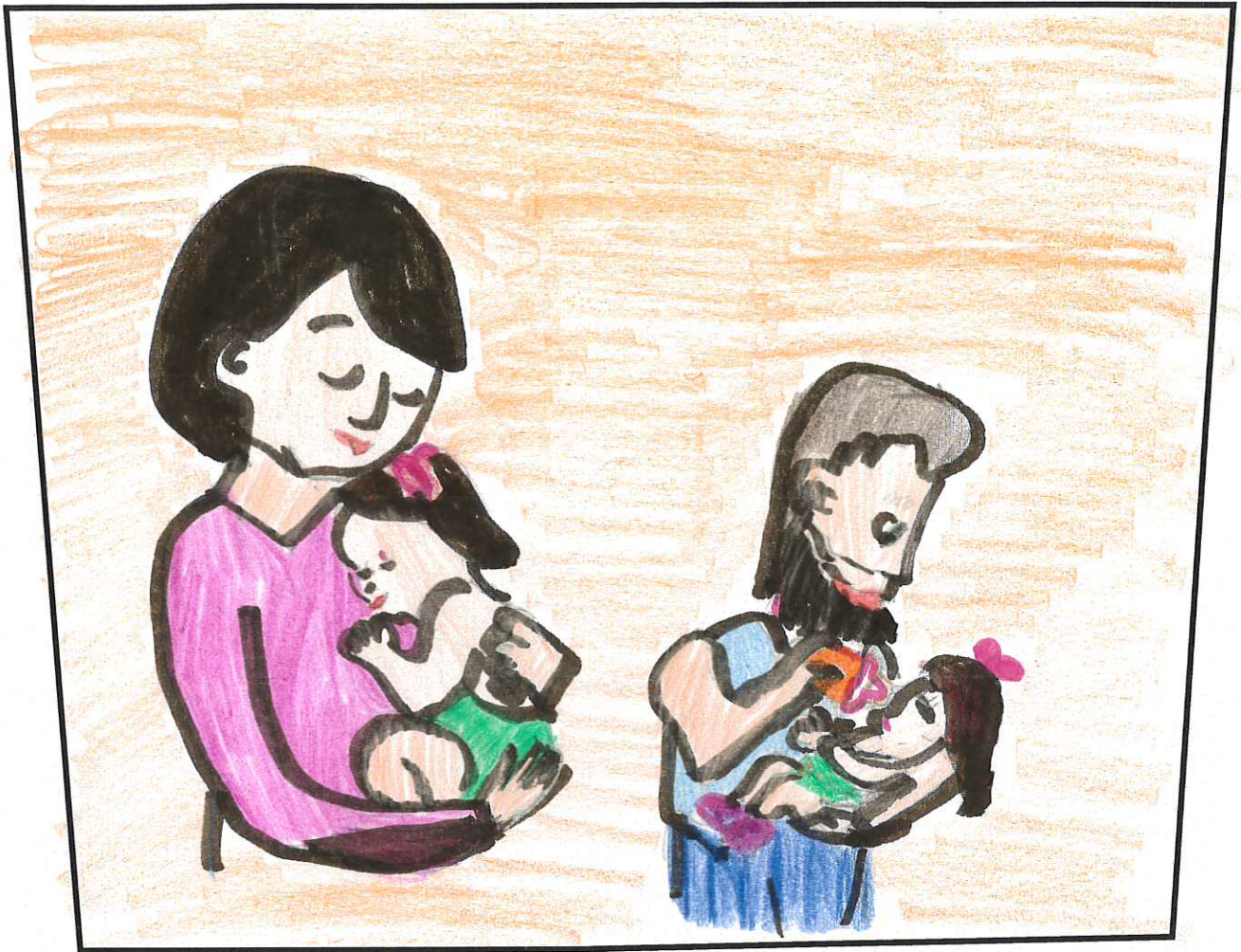
I Was Once That Little Baby

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When I was a little baby,
The world seemed so big to me,
The ceiling above me,
looked like an endless sky with twinkling lights,
I was once that little baby.



My mother's arms felt like a cottony bed,
Everything felt all right,
Crying was the only language I knew,
My father's brown beard tickled my skin,
As he whispered, "I love you."
I was once that little baby.



When I was a little baby,
I uttered my first word,
Laughter and cackles sounded like bells,
Chiming and ringing through my world with delight,
I knew then I must have done it right,
I was once that little baby.



When I was a little baby,
I wondered why the animals were surrounding me,
On my left, on my right and all around,
I wondered if the animals were alive,
I somehow figured out they were friends from my playground,
until I was five.



When I was a little baby,
I took my first step,
A baby step, so significant that I didn't know,
would lead me towards a million more steps.



Today, I am a baby no more,
There is a child who shall
continue her journey in this big, big world
Full of wonder
But I will always remember,
I was once that little baby.