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DEDICATION AND WELCOME TO ANDREW MATTARELLA-MICKE AND DANIEL EDWARD HAUER PLANE

Welcome to Daniel

Walk easy on the earth
 Without disturbing the sand.
 Let others observe your footprints,
 But like night and day leave no trace.
 Let your shadow move where it will,
 Its magnitude decided by the sun.

Do not love easily but well,
 Linked in spirit and flesh.
 Let your love be warm and generous,
 And like the sun do not measure your gift.
 Let your friendship be enduring and loyal,
 Even as the mountains are not displaced.

Let no one judge you
 Beyond what you actually do.
 Thus you will not be judged
 By anyone harsher than yourself.
 To judge another is to become blind
 And delay your own passage.

Do not disturb the waters
 Or race futilely against the wind.
 The sun will rise every day
 And the moon will follow its course.
 There is a rhythm for you
 As smooth and unmistakable as the tide.

Do not try relentlessly to understand.
 Time itself will decide.
 There will be stars enough
 When clouds and neon lights do not hide them.
 Do not be sad. It has been written for you:
 Your joy will come when it is time.

But this above all: Walk easy on the earth!

--- by James Kavanaugh



Welcome to Andrew

If you could always be
 The child you are
 We would gladly
 Smash the watches and the clocks,
 Tear up the calendars
 To keep you young and free from care.

But you have a life to live.
 So many discoveries,
 The colors of earth,
 The music,
 Loving and being loved.

Your face will show what you are.
 Your voice and smile and talents
 will identify you.
 Most of all, your life
 Will give you meaning.



Welcome from the Prairie Community

Welcome Andrew and Daniel!

We want to be part of your world,
 responsible for guarding your lives,
 your freedom and your opportunities.

Today we also think of the other children
 of your generation,
 whose welfare is inseparable from your own.

May we make the world more just and peaceful
 for you and for all those
 whose lives are to be linked with yours.

On this day of great joy and promise,
 we dedicate ourselves to you precious two,
 and to all children everywhere.

