Simon
My Younger Brother
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Third Grade
From the moment
I saw Simon’s face,
I knew he would be
The best brother
In the universe.

His chocolaty brown eyes
Sparkled with
Joy and laughter.

I cradled his fragile body
In my arms,
Caressing him gently.
When he was old enough
To sit in his highchair,
I spooned him applesauce.

He giggled
with each bite
And waved
his tiny arms at me.
Everyone was thrilled
For Simon's
First birthday.

With his miniature fingers,
He picked at crumbs
On his strawberry cake.

At my birthday party,
I giggled as he
Crawled clumsily
On the carpet.

Every now and then,
He looked up
And smiled proudly at me.

Simon's second birthday
Soon arrived,
With him pawing
At the sparkling candle.

He stuffed his mouth
With vanilla frosting
And crispy white chocolate.

Next was the
Spongebob Ice Palace,
Where everything
Shone with gleaming frost.

Full of excitement,
He slid down an ice slide,
Clutching Dad's jacket
To keep from slipping.
Simon's third birthday
Brought a party with
Scrumptious fruitcake
Topped with violet frosting.

Everyone sang
Happy birthday enthusiastically,
And watched him
Blow out the sizzling candles.
For summer break,
We went to gorgeous Madrid,
Dining at fancy restaurants
And going sightseeing.

He gazed at each
Towering structure,
Slowly absorbing the
Beauty of each one.
Before anyone knew it,
Simon’s fourth birthday
Came up.

At Pump-it-Up,
He leaped from
Beanbag to beanbag
As Mom and I beamed cheerfully.
Winter fun
Was just beginning.
We dashed off the plane,
Eager to explore together.

He posed for pictures
By the White House,
Statue of Liberty,
One World Trade Center,
And many more!

Simon enjoyed his fifth birthday
With all his Pre-K friends.

The whole class celebrated
With cupcakes
Covered in lime-green icing.
Summertime brought
The long journey to China
To visit our relatives.

He rode a horse
For the first time
And learned
To catch fish
In a stream.
Today,
I miss those times
When he was just a
Sweet, adorable baby.

He has grown
Into such a kind young man.

I am as proud as can be
Of my younger brother.