

Casper James Wilkes

A very special baby



9th April to 17th July 2010

A CELEBRATION OF THE MEMORIES

Tuesday 27th July 2010
11am
St Paul's Church, Winchester

Songs on arrival:

songs that were sung to him by his parents...

Dream a Little Dream, by the Beautiful South

When You Dream, by Barenaked Ladies

What a Wonderful World, by Louis Armstrong

Service led by Rev. Peter Seal

POEMS

As Rainbows Are Formed,

read by Jane Vennik, Casper's Auntie

A light from our family is gone,
A sound we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home,
And it cannot be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of one
We would have loved to keep,
But the angels surely loved him best
They've finally let him sleep

As rainbows are formed
From both sunshine and rain,
So our lives are a mixture
Of joy and some pain.

If we bear with the darkness
And learn from it too,
The rain clouds will part
And the sun will break through.

Let the Rains Fall,
read by Peter Wilkes, Casper's Grandad

May the rains fall soft upon you Casper, to assure you of our love.
May the rains beat down upon you Casper,
Causing your eyes to light up and your smile to shine out.
May the rains carry you to a place, Casper
Where your spirit will be free
To splash in the puddles and dive into the great unknown.
Swim, Casper and soak up eternity
Where we will join you when the stream of life bears us, like you, into heaven.

Our Butterfly,
read by one of Casper's friends

My child, we had to say goodbye
When you became a butterfly.

Now you have wings and fly so free
High in the air and joyously.

We think about you every day;
Please, darling, don't fly far away.

Life without you is hard to bear,
But we know you're watching way up there.

Our love for you will never die
Though we can't see our butterfly.

Your wings will be colourful and bright,
And to heaven you can take a flight.

Alas, my darling, we had to say goodbye
So you could don your wings and learn to fly.

CASPER'S STORY

told by Rev. Peter Seal

A letter to Casper, from Mummy

A letter to Casper, from Daddy

Nursery Rhyme to Sing: (piano accompaniment)

Chosen by Mummy, a song she would sing to him
during his swimming lessons

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon.
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle all the night.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!



PRAYERS

Lead by Liz Hopper, Family Support Coordinator
at Naomi House



COMMENDATION

Blessing

I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles,

with piano accompaniment.

(During the song, bubbles will be blown)

Verse 1

I'm dreaming dreams,
I'm scheming schemes,
I'm building castles high.
They're born anew,
Their days are few, Just like a
sweet butterfly.
And as the daylight is dawning,
They come again in the morning.

Chorus

I'm forever blowing bubbles,
Pretty bubbles in the air.
They fly so high,
Nearly reach the sky,
Then like my dreams,
They fade and die.
Fortune's always hiding,
I've looked everywhere,
I'm forever blowing bubbles,
Pretty bubbles in the air.

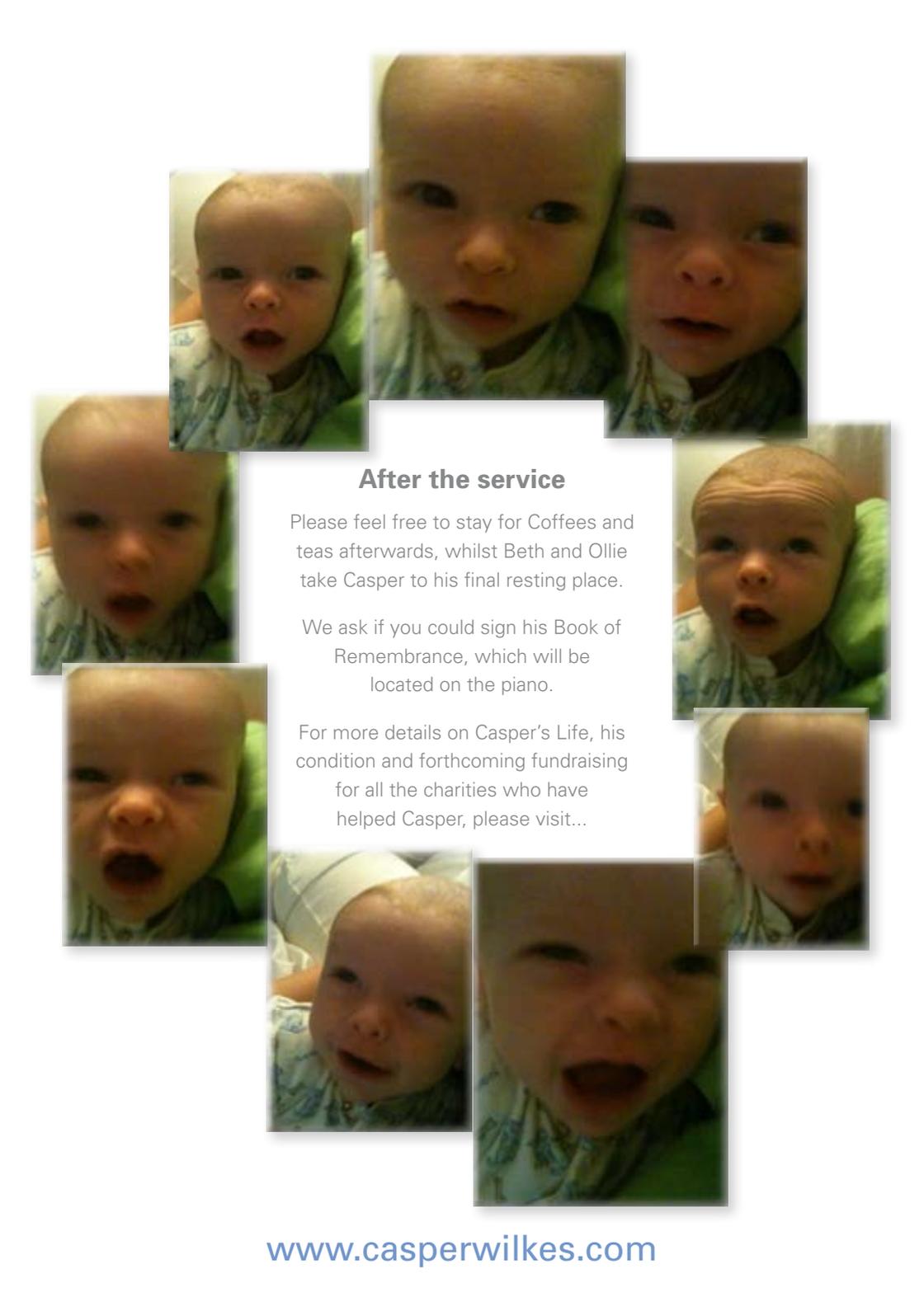
Verse 2

When cattle creep,
When I'm asleep,
To lands of hope I stray.
Then at daybreak,
When I awake,
My bluebird flutters away.
Happiness new seemed so near me,
Happiness come forth and heal me.

Chorus

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Nearly reach the sky,
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They fade and die.
Fortune's always hiding,
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Procession and Refreshments



After the service

Please feel free to stay for Coffees and teas afterwards, whilst Beth and Ollie take Casper to his final resting place.

We ask if you could sign his Book of Remembrance, which will be located on the piano.

For more details on Casper's Life, his condition and forthcoming fundraising for all the charities who have helped Casper, please visit...

With special thanks to:

Dr Eleri Williams, Winchester Hospital (RHCH)

Dr Andrea Whitney, Southampton Hospital (SUHT)

Staff of Northbrook Children's Ward, Winchester Hospital (RHCH)

Staff of Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Southampton Hospital (SUHT)

Staff of Naomi House Children's Hospice

AND

All our wonderful friends, family and colleagues



If you wish to make a donation please send a cheque payable to Naomi House, stating that it is in memory of Casper to:

Richard Steel & Partners

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