A mother held her new baby and very slowly rocked him back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. And while she held him, she sang:

I’ll love you forever,
I’ll like you for always,
As long as I’m living
my baby you’ll be.
The baby grew. He grew and he grew and he grew. He grew until he was two years old, and he ran all around the house. He pulled all the books off the shelves. He pulled all the food out of the refrigerator and he took his mother's watch and flushed it down the toilet. Sometimes his mother would say, "This kid is driving me CRAZY!"
But at night time, when that two-year-old was quiet, she opened the door to his room, crawled across the floor, looked up over the side of his bed; and if he was really asleep she picked him up and rocked him back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. While she rocked him, she sang:

I’ll love you forever,
I’ll like you for always,
As long as I’m living
my baby you’ll be.
The little boy grew. He grew and he grew and he grew. He grew until he was nine years old. And he never wanted to come in for dinner, he never wanted to take a bath, and when grandma visited he always said bad words. Sometimes his mother wanted to sell him to the zoo!
But at night time, when he was asleep, the mother quietly opened the door to his room, crawled across the floor and looked up over the side of the bed. If he was really asleep, she picked up that nine-year-old boy and rocked him back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. While she rocked him, she sang:

I’ll love you forever,
I’ll like you for always,
As long as I’m living
my baby you’ll be
The boy grew. He grew and he grew and he grew. He grew until he was a teenager. He had strange friends and he wore strange clothes and he listened to strange music. Sometimes his mother felt like she was in zoo!
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Robert Munsch is one of North America’s best-selling children’s authors. His book are staples of any child’s library. All together they have sold over 30 million copies, and have been translated into over a dozen languages. Every year Munsch receives thousands of letters from young fans. He likes to meet the children who send him mail, which sometimes leads to another story. Of his touring schedule, he says simply “I love it! One of the nicest things about my job is traveling across North America and meeting all kinds of people.” See www.robertmunsch.com

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- Painting and Decorating Furniture
- Pussycats Everywhere

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- I Have to Go!
- 50 Below Zero
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- David’s Father
- Jonathan Cleaned Up
- Millicent and the Wind
- The Dark
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- Wait and See
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- Show and Tell
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- From Far Away (all published by Annick Press)
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I’ll like you for always,
As long as I’m living
my baby you’ll be.

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