It was but a whisper

So faint yet so clear

The aroma of her perfume

My heart begs for you to be near.

I stretch my arms wide

I long for her embrace

I swear I hear her familiar laugh

Even with eyes closed, I see the smile on her face.

My eyelids slowly begin to open

Trepidation fills my head.

I feel I am in a trance state of being

I shiver when I hear the words she says.

Why do you keep your eyes closed?

I am here, are you awake

Was it a nightmare that lasted far too long

If I wake, will my heart no longer ache?

With eyes fully open

I see a smile and hear a laugh that I could never mistake

With barely a whisper I ask.. Is it really You

O..no.. wait..Sarah; Ashley?  I had to do a double take.

You have been in your heavenly home for several years

I still miss you every single day

Each passing year,  I feel you and see you within my children

I know without a doubt you are never far away.