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Bills, babies.  
Mopping, maybes.  
Catching, crying.  
Teasing, trying.  
Honking, hoping.  
Holding, coping.  
School, stress.  
Is this a test?  
Laughing, loving,  
Sharing, shoving,  
Reading, feeding.  
Watch me! Am I free?  
Explaining, maintaining.  
Waiting, hating.  
Goodbyes. Dry eyes.  
Always tries. Not a price.  
Fill, spill, need to chill.  
Wake up. Make up.  
Take up. Never break up.  
Hugging, snuggling.  
Giggling, wiggling.  
Listening, whispering,  
Answering. Not a thing.  
Playing, saying.  
Wishing, kissing.  
Helpless, selfless.  
Living, giving.  
Take a breath. Stop to rest,  
Need to eat. Do I ever sleep?  
Watching, wondering.  
Missing mothering?  
Don't cry, days fly by,  
Hold on tight. This feels right.  
—Nicole Hall Dominguez

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