

Reading:

A Little Oven (Eleanor Estes)

Music:

Georgia Kelly – Pachelbel's Canon – Winter Classics album

Georgia Kelly – Mala Kavana – Gardens of the Sun album

**A Little Oven**  
**...a little huggin'; a little lovin'**

Pachelbel Canon

Our daughter walks down the aisle-

The hug that releases

Tears stream down my face.

That huggin, that lovin'

Passed on to a new generation

Granddaughters, grandson, 9and parents,

huggin' and lovin'.

We've missed it so

"Not too hard"

We are fragile-

A year ago we said "We love you" and Mummy's almost 100 years slipped away.

We are fragile

Untouched for a while, maybe numb,

So full of tears, so full of fears

A waterfall may be released

beyond our control.

Could it be

that the Spirit is holding our broken hearts tenderly.

All we need is a heart to hold - tangible

A wooden "holding heart", gift from our daughter..

perhaps, a photo, a momento

For me it was first my grandmother's little bake oven,

Expression of her lovin'-

the cookies, chocolate chip, in endless supply

hot from her big oven;

A few from our little oven

That oven, a heart of warmth and tenderness

I felt held by God.

A little oven and lots of loving,

Unforgettable and forever.

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Based on the children's book, A little Huggin' A little lovin'. (Please check exact title, forgive me)