



How Love Raises Children

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my drawing on the refrigerator, and I wanted to draw another one!

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you become very angry, and stay calm and "use your words", and I learned to do that too.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give my clothes that didn't fit any more to those less fortunate and I learned to reach out to others to help.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you read, just for fun, and I learned to love books and reading.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you look at the night sky, and I learned to see beauty in the world around me.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you sing as you worked, and I learned that work can bring great satisfaction.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you fail and make mistakes and I saw you keep doing your best, and I learned perseverance.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked... and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

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