The Promise

She was told there was a risk
But she said she wouldn’t
Week by week
People smiled as her belly grew
She tried to smile back
She could be the one in ten

The ultrasound came
They told her about the abnormalities
Weeks turned into days
Her belly stopped growing
It was time to finally know

She was the loveliest patient in labor
Pictures of her rescued animals at her bedside
A journey’s end and beginning
After two sleepless nights

The delivery was like any other
The pediatricians knew first
Then she held the baby for the first time
A look of wonder and joy

She said, “I can tell you have Down’s, but that’s ok.”
“I love you,” whispered the adoring mother
A promise that everyone overheard
To baby on her birthday.

There is always an emotional moment when a mother sees her baby for the first time. This is one I will always remember.

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