

A Prayer for Cathy

A prayer is offered
For this child
To live in a world
Filled with sun -
But also for her
To be equipped to deal
With cloudy days

A prayer is said
For this girl
To ever perpetuate good relationships -
But also for her
To remember
That it is humans
With whom she'll be dealing

A prayer is expressed
For this young woman
To always ask questions -
Those to which there ARE answers
Those to which the answers are pernicious or unacceptable
And those to which there are NO answers

A prayer is pronounced
For this teenager
To continue to be
Thorough and sincere
In all her endeavors
But also for her
To be free, liberated
Relaxed and content

A prayer is stated
For this lady
To maintain realistic goals
But also for her
To avoid having those goals become
All consuming

A prayer is declared
For this gentlewoman
To bask in the many shared
Memories and joys
Of her life
But also for her
To greet each new experience and
challenge
With enthusiasm and confidence

A prayer is given
For this Bat Mitzvah
To enjoy this simcha
But also for her to intue
That it is but one of many
In which she will be cloaked
In the love and admiration
Of family and friends