

# Cleft On The Upper Lip

The infant comes  
into this world with a former wisdom  
having been shown the mysteries of the universe  
At the moment of birth, an angel struck the baby  
on the upper lip, left an unexplained indented mark  
With that blow, the child forgets all it has learned in another  
world.

That forgetfulness is a blessing, not the answer  
but the quest for truth is the goal of life  
Not the conclusion from another world  
but the struggle in this world by ourselves brings wisdom  
Buried in us, in our inner soul, a wisdom dwells for us to bring forth.

May this child be blessed with the will to learn  
the courage to discover, the wisdom to achieve consecrated love  
and with heart, mind and spine for the practice of good deeds.

When the infant is brought forth  
into the room, we all rise  
old and young, family and friends  
A new born has entered our world and we stand in its honor  
“Whenever you see the footprints of human beings  
God stands before you  
Whenever human beings walk abroad, a company of angels precedes and calls out  
‘Make way for the image of God.’”  
(*Deuteronomy Rabbah 4:4*).

This infant comes innocent, pure of body and pure of soul  
No stain on its soul, no blemish on its spirit  
This infant comes from a world of benediction into a world awaiting benediction.

