

A JOURNEY OVERSEAS

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Emotions flooding through:
 scrambling mind and at peace
Just excitingly waiting
 to hold you in my arms
Feeling immense love, joy, and bliss
 for the day I can finally meet you

The day is coming closer
 Tossing and turning all night
I am worrying and doubting
 about your transition.
I see happy visions
 of two sisters playing

We are finally here in China
 13.5 grueling hours later.
Every girl I see
 Reminds me of you
Exhaustion and excitement
 hits for what's to come

Here I come baby girl!
The day is finally here
We are on the road
To retrieve you
Cannot believe
This is happening

The day has come and gone
I am a mother of two
You are a lovely baby
with a sweet disposition
With two top and bottom teeth,
You are beautiful my darling

Tears rush down my face
You scare us to death.
Seeing you having seizures
Makes me feel sick
It breaks my heart to see
You are not doing too well

Many seizures follow

I see your eyes rolling back
Continuously jerking and shaking
Mouth foaming and teeth clenching
We found ourselves in a hospital,
It is primitive, smelly, and unsanitary.

Doctors wanting to admit,
But this place is scaring me
Hopeful to go to an American Clinic
In the capital city.
Doctors cautiously discharge us
As we quickly make a dash.

Hoping you can hang in there
You're simply exhausted
Current medications are unresponsive
And no morning flights to the capital;
In spite of it all,
It's unknown if you can make it...

Back at the hospital,
A place with frightful sights
Sleeping and seizing nonstop
For the past 17 hours
So weak, tired, and helpless
Many tears flow down.

Up on the patients' ward
 With the American Clinic out of reach
Seeing backlash from many
 Not believing you are mine
Fearful for the worst to come,
 We suddenly saw small miracles

A man reassuring us about you,
 And saying to not cry.
He was there to help
 And so, he does
A sobbing mother, a relieved father
 Profusely thanking him for the help

After a week of tears and nerves,
 We are coming home
Your personality is coming out
 With smiles and laughter
It seems like a distant memory
 For only to turn into trouble from there.