

# **BABY BILL OF RIGHTS**

## **TALK TO ME,**

Sing, hum, babble, or even read the funnies to me! I don't know what you're saying, but I need to hear you. And I do know what you mean, even if I may not know the words. Like your voice tones mean, "I love you," or when you yell, I hear, "You're a pest!" Unless you communicate with me, how can I learn? I learn from you.

## **HOLD ME,**

Everything is so big and new to me. I don't understand where I am. Or who I am. And I get scared, but when you hold me, your heartbeat makes me feel I belong here. Belong to you.

## **ANSWER MY CRY,**

I don't cry to get you upset. Or to get you mad. I cry because I can't tell you how I feel any other way. Maybe I'm cold .... or wet .... or hungry .... or scared .... or lonely. Answer my cries, you'll soon know what each one means.

## **YOU WON'T SPOIL ME!!!**

You'll help me be a better baby and make you happier, too.

## **LOVE ME,**

Like me. Love me just as I am. Don't expect me to do what I can't do. Like being toilet-trained. My muscles aren't ready yet. I know I'm messy. But I'm growing. Overlook my baby weakness. You're the most important person in my world. I can't make it without you. So get to know me. Have fun with me, and love me just as I am.