

The Best of Family Summers  
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I always like family best,  
When you share delicious meals  
And grin about the day  
While throughout the air laughter peals

Or when you softly speak  
And marvel over the majestic moon  
The stars slowly speckle the sky  
While you know the sun left too soon

Or when you bomb them with water  
And once the colorful balloons crash  
And explode one by one  
Waiting, you know, it's gonna splash

Or when they grill out and the  
Spicy and savoury aromas fill the air  
They waver, as you wait hungrily and  
With each bite, you know they care

Or when they enjoy a velvety cake with you  
And while you blow out the candles  
You remember the glowing fireflies you caught  
Tiptoeing, in the soft grass with your sandals

This is only Summer, and it gets even better  
Because in each memory you know  
That family, even with their flaws, truly are the best  
And they won't ever want to let go.

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