



As I pressed my ear to my son's chest I was momentarily taken back to that magical day when I heard his heartbeat for the first time. That surreal moment when I realized life was inside me, once again. I will never forget that.

Yesterday morning my son came to my bed, kissed me, and wished me a happy Mother's Day. I was barely awake at the time. A bit later, as I sat up in bed lost in my own thoughts, or lack thereof (typical morning scene for me), he came back, stood by the bed and hugged me for a little while. My head rested on his chest so that all I could hear was his heartbeat. That magical day's distinctive rapid ultrasonic whooshings announcing "I am here," now clear, slower, somewhat matured beats. I was listening to life. One of two lives God used me to bring into this world. The sudden overwhelming sense of gratitude I felt for God's grace is indescribable...words elude me.

All I can say is that I fell into that moment and lost myself in it. It's happened before. A mother's music to her soul, those life rhythms. Never gets old. I hope all you Moms had a grace-filled Mother's Day.

*Children and mothers never truly part - Bound in the beating of each other's heart.
- Charlotte Gray*

Before you were conceived I wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour I would give my life for you
This is the miracle of life.

~ Maureen Hawkins

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