

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby being kissed on the forehead by an adult. The baby is lying down, eyes closed, with its hand near its face. The adult's face is partially visible, leaning over the baby. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

Welcome Song for Baby

A lullaby for newborns

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For everyone I love... "Children Unite Us All!"

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Hey ya hey

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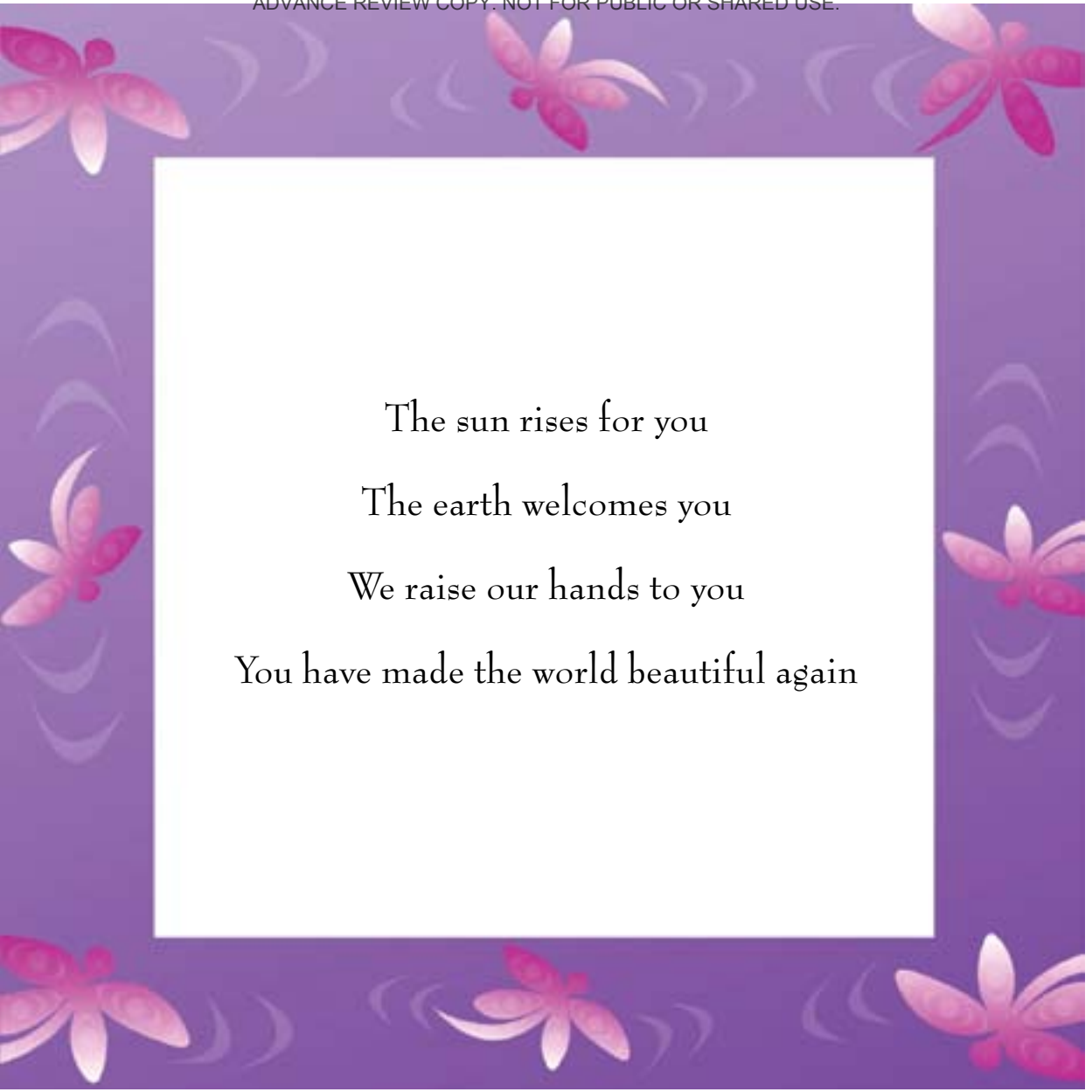
Dear one

Cherished one

Loved one

You have made the world beautiful again





The sun rises for you
The earth welcomes you
We raise our hands to you
You have made the world beautiful again



We thought we knew what love was

Until the day we held you

We thought we knew what life was

Until the day we kissed you

Hey ya hey

Hey ya hey

Hey ya hey



You are sacred

You are precious

You are our future

You are our sacred responsibility



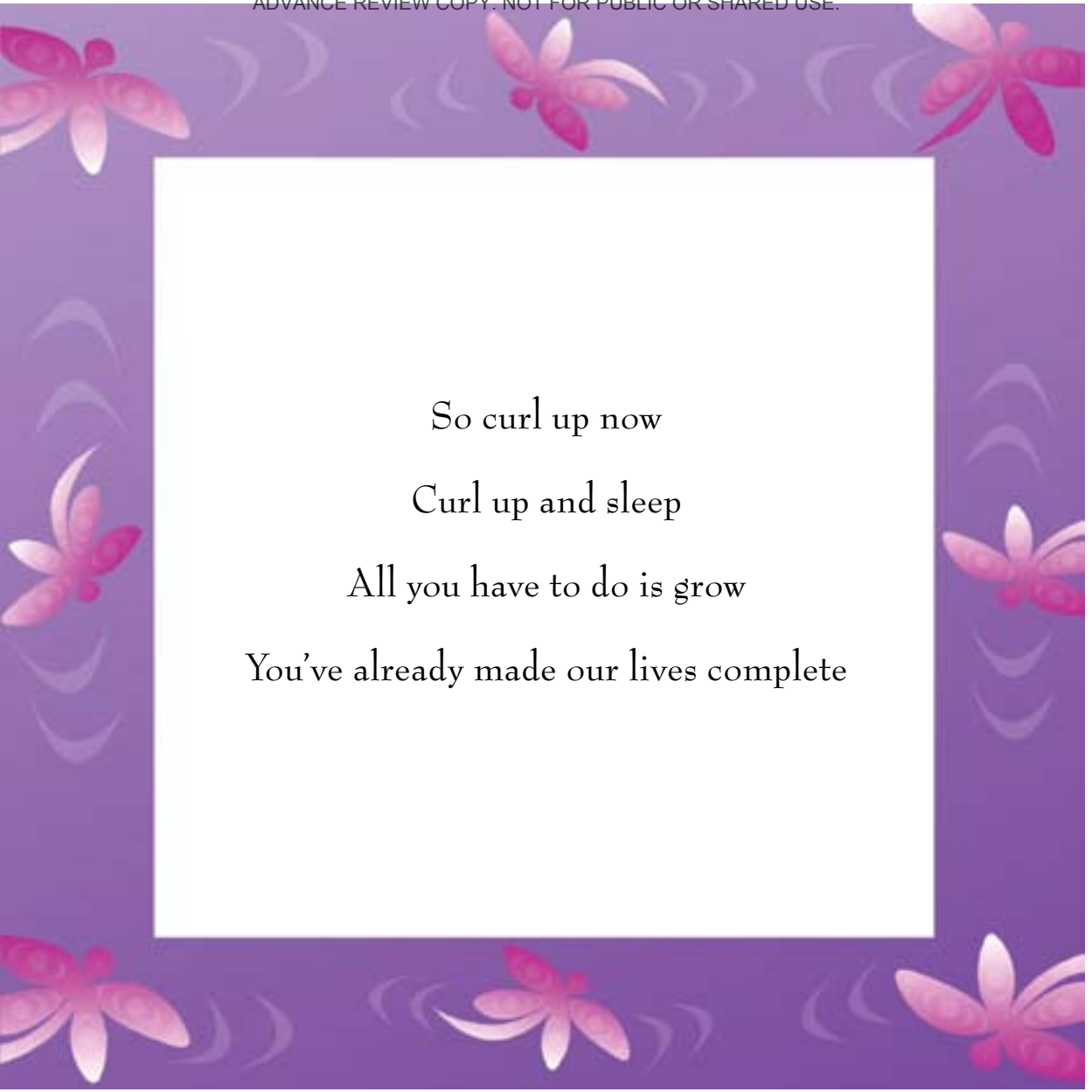
We will grow together

We will learn together

We will laugh together

We will feast together



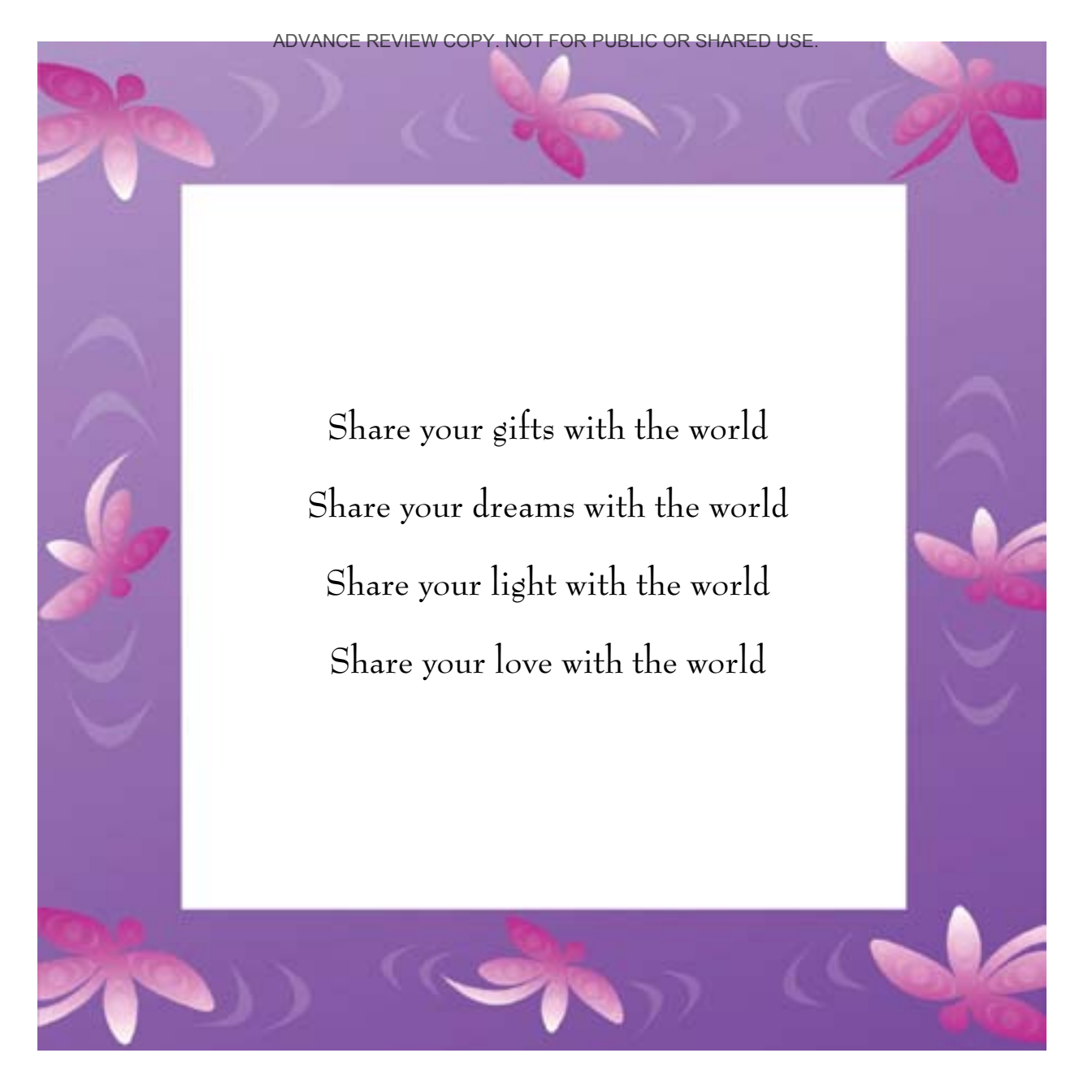


So curl up now
Curl up and sleep
All you have to do is grow
You've already made our lives complete



You are a child of the universe
A caretaker for future generations
Walk gently
Walk true



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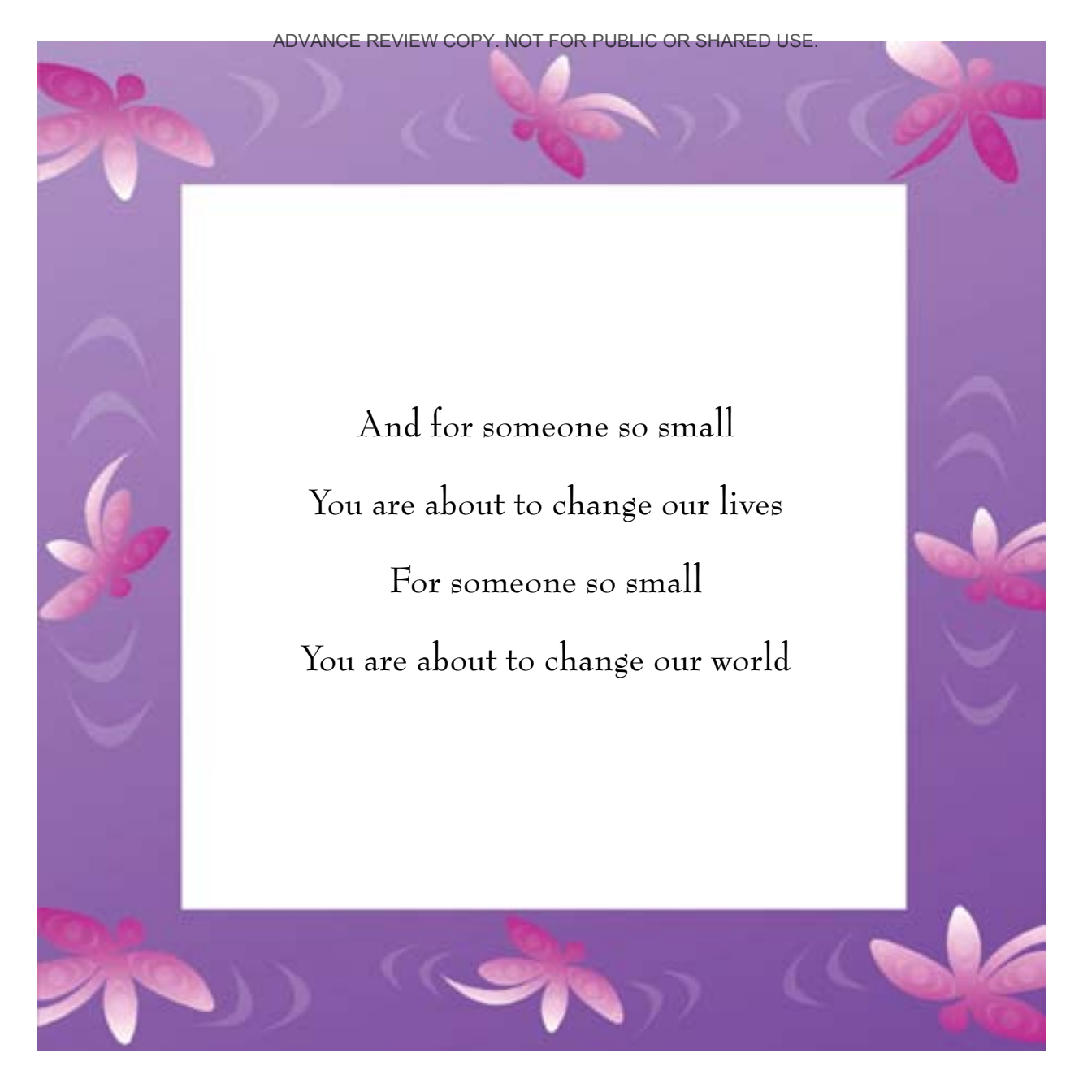
Share your gifts with the world
Share your dreams with the world
Share your light with the world
Share your love with the world



Your life is a song
We shall sing together
Your life is a story
We shall tell together

We live
We laugh
We love now
In your honour





And for someone so small
You are about to change our lives
For someone so small
You are about to change our world



For someone so small

You are about to change the universe

Forever

Hey ya hey

Hey ya hey

Hey ya hey

Ho!

