

## All In A Family

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It's all in a family, that's no lie  
Even stays that way after we die  
Leaves, branches, twigs on a family tree  
And the forest can be hard to see

Mother and father are in charge  
And the brand new baby will loom large  
Brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts  
It's a family life, so take a chance

It's a work in progress, can't you see  
And the why, wherefore, is a mystery  
When the family fights they know next door  
No one wins in a family war

Then there's that thing, it's all made up  
Dare we sing that the thing is not  
Love heals heartache and familial pain  
And what family is not insane?

Just give them all a hug and a kiss  
At the wake, that wedding, birthday, bris  
And the function let disfunction rule  
No shallow end in the family pool

We gather for the holiday  
And pray for a quick safe getaway  
No one so close, nothing so real  
And the smallest thing is the biggest deal

That so-and-so did such-and-such  
How can you love someone so much?  
Forgive, forget, and finally see  
The forest from the family tree

It's all in a family, that's no lie  
It'll stay that way after we die  
You forgive, forget, and finally see  
When you get to hold the new baby