

## They Called Him Laughter

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A barren land and a barren wife  
Made Abraham laugh at his wandering life  
A cruel joke it seemed then to call him the father of nations  
A heavenly prank, a celestial joke  
Cause grey hair and babies leave no room for hope  
But hoping is something this hopeless old man learned to do

They called him laughter  
For he came after  
The father had made an impossible promise come true  
The birth of a baby to a hopeless old lady  
So they called him laughter  
Cause no other name would do

A cry in the darkness and laughter at night  
An elderly couple sat holding him tight  
An improbable infant, a punchline, a promise come true  
They laughed til they wept then laughed at their tears  
This miracle baby they've wanted for years  
Would make a messiah who'd give us impossible joy