

I took a walk today
My son and I.
We walked passed the lake
Then up the hill
Into the woods.

I carried him for awhile
But then he walked by himself
With the dog chasing shadows
Through the dappled forest floor.

The grass was taller than he was
So he walked with his chin high,
Very serious.
The squirrel's chittering
Made him look up to investigate.
He smiled and looked at me.

We walked along a path for quite a way
Then headed back toward the car.
I held him again as we descended.
Everything seemed so new,
To both of us.

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