

## Stuart Davis

### "Guardians"

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We join our hands around this table as we pray  
I squeeze my parents fingers, as if my touch will say  
that all around me a presence is so clear  
a joy that would escape this room if one of you weren't  
here  
And it is my selfish wish that our lives could be one  
length  
cause I'll forever be the child seeking comfort in your  
strength

Mom and Dad please promise me, when your time on  
earth is done  
the guidance of your love will still surround your son  
So when my heart is twice as wise, I will know that you  
are close  
My guardians will be your ghosts

As the family ages our companion is this fear  
the thought that growing older means some separation  
nears  
We dread those awful endings and fail to realize  
with the nature of our union, how needless are good-  
byes  
For no spirit in this circle would let another be forlorn  
Our vigil is eternal from the time that we are born

Mom and Dad I promise you if my time is first to come  
you will feel the love returning from your youngest son  
So when your hearts are twice as full, you will know that  
I am close  
Your guardian will be my ghost  
Your guardian will be my ghost  
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