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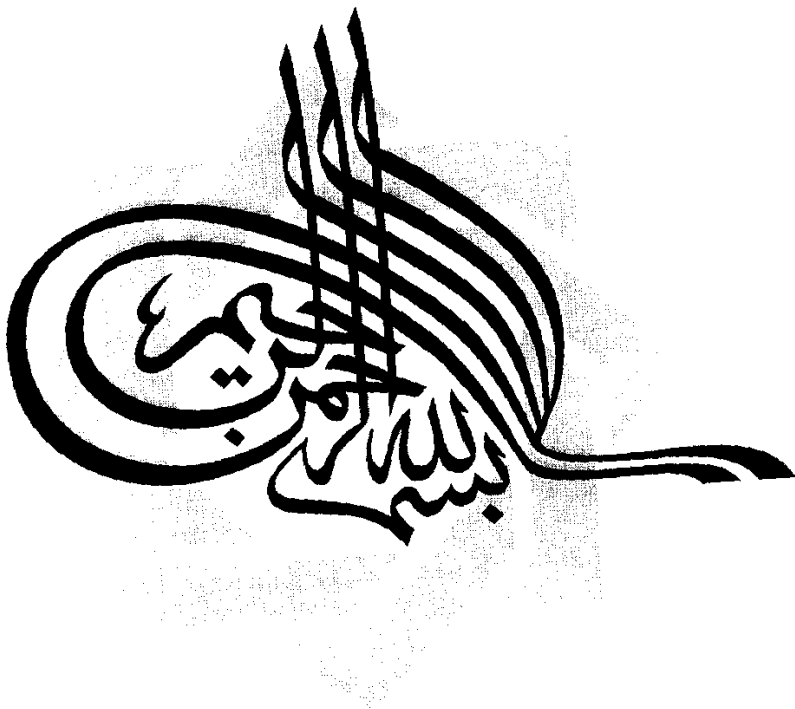
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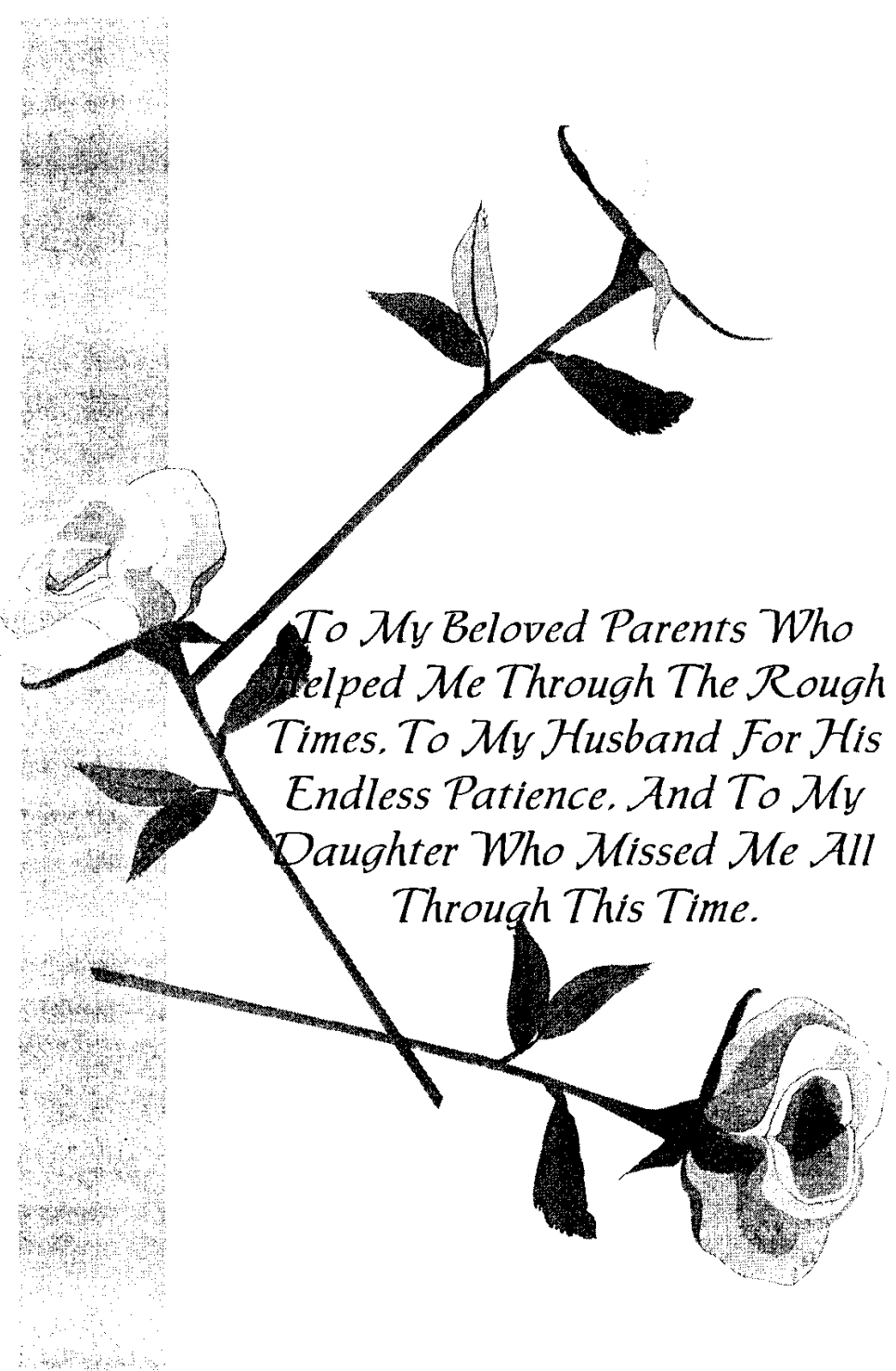
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List of Abbreviations

APCs:	Antigen presenting cells.
BAF:	Beta cell activating factor.
ConA.:	Concanavalin A.
CRP:	C-reactive protein.
CSF:	Colony stimulating factor.
DAG:	Diacyl glycerol.
ELISA:	Enzyme linked immunosorbant assay.
G-CSF:	Granulocyte-colony stimulating factor.
GM-CSF:	granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor.
HRP:	Horse radish peroxidase.
Ig:	Immunoglobulin.
IL:	Interleukin
IL-1R:	Interleukin-1 receptor.
IL-1RA:	Interleukin-1 receptor antagonist.
INF:	Interferon.
Kd:	Kilo dalton.
LAF:	Lymphocyte activating factor.
LPS:	lipopolysaccharide.
LT:	Leukotrienes.
MAbs:	Monoclonal antibodies.
M-CSF:	Macrophage-colony stimulating factor.
MDP:	Muramyl dipeptide.
MHC-II:	Class II major histocompatibility complex.
MW:	molecular weight.
NK:	Natural killer cells.
PG:	Prostaglandin.
PHA:	Phytohemagglutinin.
PI:	Phosphatidyl inositol.
PROM:	Premature rupture of membranes.
SCF:	Stem cell factor
TCR:	T-cell receptor.
TGF:	Transforming growth factor.
T_H:	T-helper cell.
TMB:	Tetramethyl benzedine.
TNF:	Tumor necrosis factor.

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