

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