Ryan 4-5-15

Hawaiian born after a failed first try

To the world I showed him on a Tripler lanai

A part of each condensed into one

Patty had given birth to a most wondrous son

At first it was tough he did so love to cry

But as time did pass a smart little guy

Began to emerge and it was plain to see

There was no limit of what he would eventually be

Our love for him grew with each passing year

His smile and his kindness brought us to tears

The bumps and the challenges we helped him get through

Our advice just to himself should he always be true

So slowly with time the man did emerge

Too quickly for us departure time it did surge

Two decades of our lives were dedicated to him

And our hearts almost shattered when he left to begin

A life that would take him across this wide earth

To wind up in Korea to find a woman who was worth

Spending a lifetime together both he and Anita

Initially in Europe, then Chicago and Houston

Then LA for so long, now Beka, sweet Beka

So now it’s their turn to raise and to teach

Young soul in their keeping a lifetime to reach

The point of release young bird from her nest

The world her fresh pearl all ready to test

The mind and the spirit, the woman so new

All alone on her own to start life anew

Leaving Ryan and Anita with tears in their eyes

Together, hand in hand for the rest of their lives

The cycle continues as we reach for the sky

But I still remember the Tripler lanai