

**Blossom & Boom by Benjamin Trout**  
A gift to two of my incredible children.

Blossom and boom.  
*Flower and fire cracker.*  
Gentle and loud.

A beautiful blossom;  
*Supple, soft and pure.*  
Flowing hair demands a caress and a stare.

A strong 'BOOM!'  
*A thunderous laugh;*  
A smile to weaken the strongest of knees.

The blossoms hug, her incredible hug,  
can make my heart skip a beat.  
*My heart drips with expectation each time I come near her...hoping she will be so kind as to offer me a glance.*  
Just to have her recognize me is heaven.

The boom has become more gentle.  
*He is understanding now of his ability to catch attention with just a smile.*  
His boom however, when unleashed, can be heard for miles.

So many came before the blossom;  
*All were boys.*  
She is special – we knew it from the start.

From the boom you get a long, giant hug;  
*A nice, sweet kiss;*  
A huge, "I love you!"

From the blossom you're lucky to get a glance.  
*She knows her 'specialness' – she knows she doesn't **have** to give you a kiss.*  
She is truly a blossom, readying for the boys who will chase her.

The boom will give you a smile;  
A smile that melts the heart.

*His teeth and lips shine under the light of the sun;*  
The only option left is to give in.

The blossom and the boom were created out of love;  
*A never-ending love that transcends all others;*  
They were created with care; as only two who are deeply in love can.

From the blossom or the boom,  
*A wrinkled nose, coupled with an infectious giggle,*  
Can cause anyone's barriers to crumble under the weight of their beauty.

The love for the blossom, my Mary,  
*Is the love only a Father & Daughter can have.*  
This love is for all eternity and infectious.

The love for the boom, my Matthew,  
*Is the love only a Father & Son can have.*  
This love is infectious and for all eternity.

These loves, the love of the blossom and the boom,  
*Is theirs to keep forever; it is unconditional and true.*  
This love is a gift from God – delivered to me on both of those very special days.

God blessed me with this beautiful blossom.  
*He blessed me with this beautiful boom.*  
He blesses them with the love we share now and forever.

*We are one.*