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The Best Angel in Heaven

Unison Choir or Soprano & Piano



## Program Note

I composed *The Best Angel in Heaven* in the cruel month of April 2020, in memory of Sandra Santos-Vizcaino, the wonderful third-grade teacher at PS 9 in Brooklyn, NY who passed away from Covid-19. I did so because I was so touched by the memory page devoted to her, marked by the love and sadness of so many whose lives she touched. She was clearly not only a great teacher but a woman of extraordinary character, kindness, and compassion. I wish I could have known her. I created the lyrics based on phrases drawn from the memories of love for her and of distress at losing so dear a person. The music is available for SS choir, unison treble choir or soprano, each with piano. -JS

### *The Best Angel in Heaven*

You are my fav'rite teacher.  
You will stay with me forever.  
I will always love and miss you.  
I will love you no matter what, no matter what.

You are the kindest, smartest, funniest,  
You are the best teacher ever.  
You are the best angel in Heaven,  
Angel in Heaven.

You loved us all equally,  
We were part of your family.  
We miss your warm hugs,  
We miss your sweet treats.

You will always be in my heart.  
It is the hardest loss,  
The hardest loss.

You were always a hugger,  
You were like our owl.  
Always a leader,  
Always smiling,  
You were like our own Athena,  
Athena.

You are safe in star clan now.  
You are safe in star clan.  
You are the best angel in Heaven,  
in Heaven,  
in Heaven.

# The Best Angel in Heaven

In Memory of Sandra Santos-Vizcaino  
To PS 9, Brooklyn, NY

Lyrics by Judith Shatin  
Based on memories of students & colleagues

Judith Shatin

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Treble solo or  
Unison choir

Piano

You are my fav' - rite

teach - er. You will stay with me for - ev - er. I will al - ways

love and miss you. I will love you no mat - ter what,

no mat - ter what! You are the kind - est, smart - est, fun - ni - est,

*sim.*

*d*

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You are the best teach-er e - ver. You are the best an - gel in Heav - en.

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*sim.*

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an - gel in heav - en. You loved us all e - qual - ly,

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We were part of your fam - i - ly, We miss your warm hugs, we miss your sweet treats.

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*sim.*

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You will al - ways be in my heart. It is the hard - est loss,

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hard - est loss. You — were al - ways a hug - ger.

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You were like our owl. Al-ways a lead - er, Al - ways smil - ing

*sim.*

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You were like our own A - the - na, A - the - na. You are safe in

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star - clan now, You are safe in star clan

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You are the best an - gel in heav - en,

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in heav - en, in heav - en.

*rallentando*