Inspired by Stars

I couldn't quite see before, that I had been suspended in the muted pitch emptiness of space. However on occasion I did manage to witness the odd solar flare or pleasant milky way.

I felt astroid like, hollow and uninspired, soullessly drifting in the company of other asteroids. Some hulked in size but possessed little drive to stand out from the crowd.

Sometimes worse than lonely, is to float in the company of those content to be pulled along by the weakest of gravity. Drifting on-mass without a care in the universe or a notion of breaking away from the field to go on a more fulfilling trajectory.

Then I had a phone call.

I was going to be a father!! WOW!! How different the universe became!!

The first scan picture was the first star I'd seen in my life.
Some question what life is. Well at that point I realised what love was, that was enough for me and I securely wrapped my life around it.

Now I'm fortunate to have two stars. A boy and a girl. They've illumined my vision. I am in a fulfilling space, in the position of 'father' where I stand in the glaring brightness and wonder that two solar super stars evoke.

The light they've shone into my life is irreplaceable and precious. Like a sailor they give me direction to navigate, as an Astrologer they define aspects of my personality and shape my beliefs, as a worshipper I naturally make sacrifices, and as a father they fill me with celestial warmth and inspiration. Love.

And now thanks to them, I shine too.

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