

## The Shield of Toby

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“I’m Navi the fairy! The Great Deku Tree asked me  
to be your partner from now on! Nice to meet you!”

—*The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time*

Hey, Mom! Can I be Link for Halloween?  
I’ll need the proper gear to play the part:  
chain mail and leggings, tunic (forest green),  
brown boots, and forearm bracers, for a start.  
I’ll look just like a real live work of art.  
Help make a gamer’s awesome dream come true  
in elf-like hat and pointy ears. *My heart  
be still*—a Twilight Princess waits for you.  
O Zelda, on my way! Just one more thing, or two...

A leather belt to carry around my waist  
rupees in a pouch, a dungeon key,  
and fairies bottled up (they keep me chaste

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and help control the wolfish side of me).  
A shoulder harness is a must, Mom, see—  
to sling my sword and shield? They're Hyrule grade.  
I'll need to take them *everywhere* with me,  
from trick-or-treating to enchanted glade.  
*O Navi!* Don't ever let my powers fade!

I'll protect my pillowcase of sweets  
and Ordon Village using hidden skill:  
*Shield Attack!* No plundering my treats—  
to wield the Master Sword will be a thrill.  
I'll do as Din, Farore, and Nayru will,  
that Golden Triangle burnished on my shield  
above the winged crest. O Mom, fulfill  
this one request? My fate as Link seems sealed—  
please strive to shop, to stitch, to paint, and not to yield.