

Life

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Birth

First breath, newborn life,
Innocence pure, untainted,
Bright eyes greet the world.

Age 1

Bassinet engulfs,
Pacifier gently placed,
First words are spoken.

Age 2

Wobbly steps begin,
Possibilities awake,
Language starts to form.

Age 3

Potty training starts,
Multiple trips to bathroom,
Feces on the walls.

Age 4

Imagination,
Playful thoughts take hold and soar,
Unleashing magic.

Age 5

Preschool swings open,
Learning, friends, and laughter shared,
Childhood memories.

Age 6

Youth's flames burn within,
Kindergarten, dreams take shape,
First words read aloud.

Age 7

Entering first grade,
New horizons, knowledge gained,
Old friendships blossom.

Age 8

Now, second grade starts,
Books spark imagination,
Friendships grow with joy.

Age 9

Third grade's adventure,
Knowledge deepens, thoughts expand,
Books challenge the mind.

Age 10

Fourth grade's journey starts,
Exploring concepts of life,
Instilling freedom.

Age 11

Fifth grade, a new year,
Independence transitioned,
New worlds to explore.

Age 12

Sixth grade, a small bridge,
Between youth and teenage years,
Self-discovery.

Age 13

Seventh grade begins
Exploring passions and dreams,
Finding one's purpose.

Age 14

Eighth grade's turning point,
Preparing for high school's realm,
Bullying awaits.

Age 15

Freshman year begins,
Hair growing in new places,
Signs of puberty.

Age 16

Sophomore puberty,
Makes your life a living hell,
Acne rears its head.

Age 17

Junior year, new phase,
Exploring boundaries with care,
Sexual health learned.

Age 18

Senior's finale,
Yearbooks capture memories,
Graduation soon.

Age 19

College doors open,
Expanding information,
Transformative years.

Age 20

Two decades have passed,
Navigating adulthood,
Just wanting a beer.

Age 21

Viewed as an adult,

A toast held to long friendships,

Cheers to the future.