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# Growing up

## A parent's food for thought

My dishes went unwashed today  
I didn't make the bed  
I took their hands and followed  
Where their eager footsteps led.

Oh yes, we went adventuring  
My little ones and I  
Exploring all the great outdoors  
Beneath the summer sky.

We waded in a crystal pool  
We wandered through a pond  
My kitchen wasn't swept today  
But life was bright and good.

We found a cool, sun-dappled glade  
And now my children know  
How mother bunny hides her nest  
Where jack-in-the-pulpit grows.

We watched a robin feed her young  
We climbed a sunlit hill  
Saw cloud sheep scamper through the sky  
We picked a daffodil.

That my house was neglected  
That I didn't brush the stairs,  
In twenty years no one on earth  
Will know, or even care.

But that I've helped my little ones  
To full adulthood grow  
In twenty years, the whole wide world  
May look and see and know!