

graduation day

children
flipping to adults

not really

none of us ever do

at first many of us
just learn to pretend
or rebel

and maybe sometimes
after hard lessons

find a place
in ourselves
where we can live

clean and clear and true

because

sorrow interns some of us
and accidents and craziness
take some too

but if we're lucky
things happen
that don't bury us

and finally
finally
we begin to

learn and learn and learn

exactly what we always knew
but didn't quite ever
really know
deep down

just yet

or exactly what we
can do
if we want to

and what we are finally
ready for

exactly what's most important
just to us

to what's been
always
living there

inside our hopeful
hopeful
hearts

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flipping to adults
not really

none of us ever do

some pretend
and some hide
and some find a way
to finally live
free and clear and true

but deep inside

*we are all
and always*

children

*through and through
and through*

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