When I grow up,  
I will be tall enough to reach the branches  
That I need to reach to climb the trees  
You get to climb when you're grown up.  
  
And when I grow up,  
I will be smart enough to answer all  
The questions that you need to know  
The answers to before you're grown up.  
  
And when I grow up,  
I will eat sweets every day,  
On the way to work, and I will  
Go to bed late every night.  
And I will wake up  
When the sun comes up, and I  
Will watch cartoons until my eyes go square,  
And I won't care 'cause I'll be all grown up.  
  
When I grow up (x 4)...  
I will be strong enough to carry all  
The heavy things you have to haul  
Around with you when you're a grown up.  
  
And  
When I grow up (x 3)...  
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures  
That you have to fight beneath the bed  
Each night to be a grown up.  
  
And when I grow up,  
I will have treats every day,  
And I'll play with things that mum pretends  
That mums don't think are fun.  
  
And I will wake up  
When the sun comes up and I  
Will spend all day just lying in the sun.  
And I won't burn 'cause I'll be all grown up.  
When I grow up...  
  
(Ms. Honey:)  
When I grow up,  
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures  
That you have to fight beneath the bed  
Each night to be a grown up.  
  
When I grow up...  
  
(Matilda:)  
Just because you find that life's not fair, it  
Doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it.  
If you always take it on the chin and wear it, nothing will change.  
Just because I find myself in this story,  
It doesn't mean that everything is written for me.  
If I think the ending is fixed already,  
I might as well be saying I think that it's OK,

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The heavy things you have to haul  
Around with you when you're a grown up.  
  
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When I grow up (x 3)...  
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures  
That you have to fight beneath the bed  
Each night to be a grown up.