

# A Poem to A Graduate

How quickly the years passed, My Son  
Seems like only yesterday that I was graduating  
My whole life before me  
Back then I was in a rush  
Wanting things to happen  
Wanting to grow up  
Be on my own  
All these will soon be yours  
Like my parents  
We left you a foundation  
On which to build and grow  
The journey will take you places  
Where you never dreamt you would go  
Decisions made forever changing your life  
Let them be wise ones

How quickly the years passed, My Son  
Seems like only yesterday I held you in my arms  
Wanting to protect you from all harm  
We have watched you grow  
Proud of whom you have become  
At times the reins held tight  
Fearing for the unknown  
The time has now come  
For us to let you run  
May that course be one  
That we all can be proud

"How quickly the years passed, My Son"  
Someday you will say to your child  
Only then will you truly understand  
What is meant by this poem  
But for now, let time slow down  
And enjoy your day  
You have time for life  
Its joys and sorrows

In closing, probably not the last advice I give  
Take time, savor, enjoy  
And remember the Words of Life  
The most important being Love  
Oh yes, never forget that who you are  
Are simply gifts on loan from the ONE  
Who will always be there  
To guide and shape your destiny

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