

A Lifetime of Bravery

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You'd best be brave
On leaving the womb
You'll find bright lights and noise
Abound in the room.
But dear little one
Despite your harsh start,
Your Mom will be taking you
Straight to her heart.
Your Dad will be there
In the hullabaloo,
You'll find him awestruck
And in love with you too.

You'd best be brave
On the first day of school
To find chaos and crying
But try to stay cool.
For things will turn better
As the morning goes by
And you'll make a few friends
If you're willing to try.

You'd best be brave
On the day that you marry
You adore who you've chosen
But you are a bit wary.
A commitment that's huge
That you'll need to embrace,
Just do raise your eyes
See the smile on her face.
You were destined to be here
With her as your wife.
You can be brave together
For the rest of your life.

You'd best be brave
When your hair turns gray.
For aging's a process
That you can delay.
But there's no way to stop it
It's Nature's design
So relax and enjoy it

And know you'll be fine.

For look at what old age
Has BROUGHT you as well.

There are grandkids and leisure
And stories to tell.

So pull up a chair

And settle the stir,

And spin us a tale

Of the BRAVE youth you were.