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I Reach

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I reach, I strive, I yearn towards the Light

And I am born.

It is my very First Milestone.

I grasp, I crawl, I touch, I taste

And explore the world around me.

My Second Milestone.

I watch, I reach, I wave, I laugh

I’m aware of other beings.

This is my Third Milestone.

I sit, I read, I write, I learn

And after many years, I Graduate!

It is a Major Milestone.

A year of college and then I move on

To work, to earn, to live on my own.

I’ve reached the Grown-Up Milestone.

I seek, I find, I love, I commit.

I say my vows and believe what I say.

It’s come at last! My Wedding Day Milestone.

I rip, I tear, I scream, I bare

New life. And joy fills my heart.

I’ve reached the Motherhood Milestone.

I weep, I despair, I become aware

Of the mistake I have made,

For there is a tear in the fabric

That binds us.Only emptiness and pain –

I must try again.

Please leave, let me be, I yearn to be free!

The Marriage Is Over Milestone.

But there’s joy in my heart

As I still have my son

And watching him grow gives me

The will to hold on.

The Single Mother Milestone.

Another man, another try,

Another round of despair.

I must go, I can’t stay.

I can’t breathe! Set me free!

Another Failure Milestone.

My son is grown and as he moves on

To a life of his own

I’ve reached the Empty Nest Milestone.

Yet I am blessed with one last love

And this one endures – it goes on and on

Until at last it must end;   
I say goodbye to my friend.

The Farewell to Love Milestone.

I reach, I strive, I yearn towards the Light

And try to hang on.

I’m not ready for

That End of the Road Milestone.