

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.