

## You're Only Young Twice

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You come into this world as an infant, toothless and helpless, with very little hair. Your skin is all wrinkled and you're not very tall. You can't control your bladder so you have to wear diapers. You start eating baby food. You have no teeth and have to be fed with a spoon. But eventually you put on some pounds and start to grow taller.

A few years pass and you enter adolescence. You start having crushes on the opposite sex. And when you reach maturity – if you're lucky – you fall in love and experience the joy and fulfillment of making love with your partner.

Then a few more years go by and at some point your hair starts to turn gray and your skin becomes wrinkled. You look around and see that most of your friends have a few wrinkles too. It's a comfort to know that it isn't just you.

You enter your *second* adolescence and start having crushes on the opposite sex. But eventually sex is but a forgotten memory as you enter into your second childhood. Which is followed not to long after by your second infancy.

Once again you are helpless. You can't control your bladder so you have to wear diapers. You've lost inches in height and you're not very tall. You have very little hair and you've lost your teeth, so you're back to eating baby food and being fed with a spoon.

Who says, "Youth is wasted on the young?" If you live long enough, you get to go through it twice!