

**Adolescence**  
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The faces around me are smiling, smiling.  
Genuine and filled with happiness.  
The sky is blue, light is bright  
I sit and watch, watch until I sleep.  
Time passes on.

The faces around me are grinning, grinning.  
They seem dimmer than before.  
The sky is pale, pale like a ghost.  
I sit and watch, watch until I tire of it.  
Time passes on.

The faces around me are grimacing, grimacing.  
Emotions are flying everywhere.  
The sky is tainted, tainted and orange.  
I sit and watch, watch until I can't breathe.  
Time passes on.

The faces around me are fakeing, dying.  
Pain is pulling us all forward.  
The sky is black, black and empty.  
I sit and watch, watch until I get scared.  
Time passes on.

The faces around me are gone, nonexistent.  
The pit inside me is sucking it all in.  
There is no sky, no sky and no gravity.  
I sit but can't watch, my eyes are glazed over.  
And eventually time will pass on.