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## Tom Edwards "What Is A Teenage Boy?"

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A teenage boy is a rare combination Of many living creatures

He runs like a gazelle, swims like a fish Eats like a horse, sleeps like a bear Laughs like a hyena and makes noises Like a cage full of monkeys

In reality, he's just a normal Happy, healthy American boy Too old to be a child And too young to be a man

A teenage boy can be found Beneath a crew-cut, behind a black eye In front of the corner drugstore Over large portions of food And more often than not Under the stern look of his father

Teenage boys are positive That their fathers never were teenagers Or else how could they Possibly be so square

Although a teenage boy is rarely serious He nevertheless does an oustanding job With the things he really likes to do

Such as just goofing, taking clocks apart Playing records that really send him Dodging household chores and spending money Preferably not his own

He dislikes visiting his relatives Running errands, hanging up his clothing Hats and bath tubs

Along with his other animal traits A teenage boy has the Incredible memory of an elephant He remembers his first haircut His kindergarten teacher The batting average of every baseball player And all the words of all the current songs

Yet with this great retentive memory He forgets to change his socks Wash his neck, close the door behind him His mother's birthday and his two lines In the school play

Teenage boys have one tricky device For getting even with their parents For such things as scolding, curfews Forced labor and things like that

They continuously keep growing Growing out of brand new suits Shirts, shoes and out of hand

However, there are several methods Employed by a father to show The teenage boy just who the boss is

By reasoning, by pleading By coaxing, by threatening By putting his foot down, by bribing And at the point of frustration By dropping the whole thing And forgetting who the boss really is

A teenager changes from a daytime roughneck To a night time gentlemen when he starts Getting ready for his first real dress-up dance

Foremost in his preperations is the shaving Of the two stray hairs lurking in the peach fuzz And finally, after spending twenty minutes Getting the wave in his hair just right He's off to the dance

And there, typical of most teenage boys He and his buddies will stand around In small groups, making comments while they Watch the girls dance with each other

In the evening, in the seclusion of his room A teenage boy will dream of his future He pictures himself as a jet pilot Breaking the sound barrier several times a day Or perhaps he's navigating The first rocket ship to the moon Or maybe he's just broken Babe Ruth's home run record

Basking in the glory of His dream world accomplishments He suddenly finds himself back to reality He has just heard the proud familiar voice Of his mother calling from the kitchen

(For the last time, you get right down here And take the garbage out)

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