

## Sam

# "When I Grow Up"

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[Teacher]

Ok class ok everybody settle down  
Everybody settle down  
Um as you all know we've been working  
Real hard on getting our school essays done  
Does anybody have theirs to read first?

[Sammie]

Mr. Evans my essay is ready

[Teacher]

Ok everybody Sammie has the floor

[Sammie]

When I grow up  
I wonder if people will be more afraid  
To cry than they are to die  
Will I be able to see a rainbow  
In a smog-filled sky?  
Will there be any trees alive?  
If not, how will the planet survive?  
Will the Internet have a web-site at  
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When I grow up  
If I got bored and had nothing to do  
And me and my son built a canoe  
Would water that used to be blue  
Be so polluted it would give us the flu?  
Will a thousand dollars be enough for a shoe?  
Will I have to be like you?  
Letting money make a decision  
For everything that I do?  
When I grow up  
Will the existence of dolphins and whales  
Just be story I tell?  
Starting with "Once upon a time..."  
Ending with "Where did we fail?"  
Will adults be the hammer and nail?  
Will schools be next door to jails?  
Will the truth be illegal to sell?  
When I grow up

Will anyone be on the news  
For anything besides killing?  
Will those drug dealers still  
Be standing in front of my building?  
Will they ever learn how to love?  
Or stay afraid of the feeling?  
Will tv and music videos  
Still raise America's children?  
When I grow up  
Will innocent kids still be  
Wrongfully touched?  
Will students go home from school  
In a bulletproof bus?  
What if children had no one to trust?  
That would hurt me so much  
And I wanna be happy when I grow up

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