

# Sleeping Beauty

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Dear daughter, I tiptoed in your room tonight and I looked down at  
You smilin' in your sleep. You were so lovely my heart nearly broke;  
And I thought how much like Sleeping Beauty a little girl is. When I  
Tuck you in at night I never know how old you'll be when you wake. On  
e  
Evening you crawl on your dad's lap and throw your arms around his ne  
ck,  
The next morning you might be much too grown up for that sort of thin  
g.  
You're so quickly approaching the awkward age, too young to drive the  
Car and yet too old to be carried in the house half asleep on daddy's  
Shoulder. I have a secret that I've never told you, Sleeping Beauty,  
You're going on a very exciting trip. You'll travel from yesterday al  
l  
The way to tomorrow. It's a rapid journey and you'll travel light,  
Leaving behind you - measles, mumps, freckles, bumps, bubble gum and  
me.  
I promise not to feel too hurt when you discover that the world is mo  
re  
Important than your daddy's lap. Yesterday you were blue jeans and pi  
g tails,  
The neighborhood's best tree climber. Tomorrow you'll be blue organdy  
and  
Pony tails and you'll view the world from a loftier perch - a pair of  
high  
Heel shoes.  
Yesterday you could mend a doll's broken leg with a hug; tomorrow you  
'll  
Be able to break a young man's heart with a kiss. Humh! Humh! Yesterd  
ay you  
Could get lost one aisle away from me at a supermarket - now I have t  
o worry  
About losing you down another aisle to some strange young man. You se  
e,  
Just at the point where you're growing pains stop, mine begins. Yeste  
rday  
You were kind of a pain in the neck when you were around, tomorrow yo  
u'll  
Be an ache in my heart when your not.  
Tomorrow you'll lay aside your jump rope and tie up the telephone lin  
es  
And that little boy that used to push you in the mud; well, he'll fig  
ht to  
Sit out a dance with you. The clock is countin' the minutes for you a  
nd the  
Sky upstairs is savin' its' brightest stars; - and the sun is waitin'  
with  
Its' shiniest day.  
Oh I, I can't expect you to live in a doll house forever. Sooner or l  
ater,  
The butterfly sheds it's cocoon and the smallest bird must try its wi  
ngs.

But when you grow up and out of my arms; when you finally get too big  
for my  
Shirts, I'll still recall how you used to scatter dust and dolls and  
partially  
Through ev'ry room in the house; but you spread sunshine too. The dust is  
Settled, your mom picked up the dolls; - but the sunshine will always  
fill  
The corners of our hearts.  
So, here I am talking in your sleep, because, well if you saw this look on  
My face, you'd laugh and if I spoke with this lump in my throat, I'd  
cry.  
Yea! honey when I looked at you tonight you were a Sleeping Beauty. So, I  
Tiptoed over and I kissed you - you didn't wake up, I knew you wouldn't.  
According to the legend only the handsome young prince can open your  
eyes  
And I'm just the father of the future bride.  
So you sleep on pretty thing, tomorrow you'll wake and you'll be a young  
Lady and you won't even realize that you've changed courses in the middle  
Of a dream. But you might notice a little change in me; I'll look a little  
Different somehow. A little sadder, a little wiser, but a whole lot richer.  
Tonight, I kissed a princess and I feel like a king.