

## 18 Summers

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One, we didn't sleep at all  
Two, was footsteps down the hall  
Three, you're jumping to me in the pool  
Four was princess dressing up  
Five was tea in plastic cups  
Six, you got your backpack off to school

Can't believe how fast it flies  
They always say don't blink, now I know why

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18 trips around the sun, don't it make you wonder  
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What I'd give to hold you for another  
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Seven was the Disney trip  
Eight was singing Taylor Swift  
Nine was bedtime prayers and saying "Jesus I believe"  
Ten, eleven, like a weed you grew  
Twelve, thirteen, well, middle school  
Fourteen, high school's coming and you're way too cool for me

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Fifteen, first boy broke your heart  
Sixteen, driving daddy's car  
Seventeen, you're wild and free, and I'm waiting up for you  
Then there you stood, cap and gown  
And I'm smiling as I think about  
How every one before's what led us to

Dorm room number 205  
A grown man trying not to cry  
Can't wait to see all you're gonna do  
Your mom and me and two aching hearts  
Driving home in an empty car  
Thanking God for the gift of raising you  
For 18 summers