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Pfeiffer: Wrinkles

WRINKLES

Serums, creams,
needles, and tape.
All things you need
when your skin starts to crepe.

Smooth and flat,
nice and neat,
no one wants laugh lines
or crow's feet.

But I don't mind,
I don't even care,
because I earned my stripes
fair and square.

It shows that I smiled,
it shows that I cared,
each new wrinkle
and each gray hair.

With the success of each year,
why lie about your age?
It shows that you're moving forward.
What's a book without a page?

Looking back and thinking on
all that you have done.
All the years, ages, and loves,
the times you lost and the times you won.

Some people want you to believe
that old age is scary and yucky,
but I think it's a gift
and some people aren't that lucky.

Not everyone sees their life progress
into their 70's and 80's.
So I'll RSVP to life with a 'yes'
instead of just a 'maybe'.

I'll wear my wrinkles with pride
for those who never got the chance.
I'll take every day in stride
and always accept a dance.

I'll live my life, for better or worse,
and keep the reaper guessing.
Because to some it seems like a curse,
but to me, old age is a blessing.

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