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I wish there were a redo button.

I wish I could go back to before I knew everything I know now.

Back to when I believed in the innocence of the world, before I

knew how cruel the world could be.

Back to when we believed in love, rather than the despair and  
sorrow it would later bring.

Before I had to worry about school and grades, back to when  
my childhood was just beginning.

Before I knew about death and violence, before I knew how  
evil some could be.

And most importantly, back to before my mistakes.

Because there isn't a redo button, and there will never be. For  
it isn't our actions that define us, but how we handle them.

Life is all about growing and developing. As you get older you  
begin to realize the world isn't as you grew up to believe it is.

But then again, is anything?

Does the reality ever meet the standards of our expectations?

No, it does not, and it never will.

So why do we keep chasing dreams and creating expectations,  
when we know they will never be anything but failed?

Hope. Because of hope.