



THE LIFE OF RILEY: A DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY

He was born one sunny Florida morning
and napped through most of his childhood.
He spent his adult life loafing
around the house or relaxing in beach chairs,
always a fresh tropical drink in his hand.

He never had a job, a family or a sore throat.
He never mowed a lawn.
Passers-by would always stop to remind him
whose life it was he was living.
He died in a hammock examining a cloud.

-- Billy Collins

