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# Voices

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In the winter  
It's harder to hold on  
To the boy inside me  
Things hurt more  
Voices in my head talk louder  
Act your age  
You're not as young as you used to be  
I try not to listen

Before my father died  
We talked man to man  
About getting older  
I asked him how he felt  
On the inside  
"Oh, I feel like  
I'm still eighteen inside" he said

It was an odd thing  
I felt that way too  
And for a moment  
The boy in me  
Peered past tired eyes  
At the boy in my father

In winter I feel older  
But in summer  
The boy still has sway  
This young man still  
Likes to run off the path  
Through taller grasses  
Likes to ride his bike and  
Dare to win  
Wants to explore the mysteries  
At the edge of the horizon