

SIXTEEN

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No longer a child, soon to be a man,
An interim time to develop God's plan.
To walk in His strength in all that you do,
To grasp a vision of all He's done for you,
And why He created you just as you are
With gifts and talents that will take you far.

For He has a work only you can do,
An important work He created for you.
But during this time He wants you to learn
To seek after Him, after His heart to yearn.

For the Lord says,

"I have loved you before even time began.
All your hurts and pains have become part of My plan
To make you strong, yet give you a tender heart,
Declare you victorious before you even start
Your journey through manhood, soon to be,
Fully equipped and ready to stand strong for Me.
So be patient, My son, as this process takes place.
Delight in the journey! Enjoy the race!
When you and I together travel this sod,
You will truly become a great man of God!"