

How I Grew Up
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MEMORIES

1.
A little house with three bedrooms
and one car on the street,
A mower that you had to push
to make the grass look neat.
2.
In the kitchen on the wall
we only had one phone,
We had no need for recording things,
someone was always home.
3.
We only had a living room
where we would congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime
in the kitchen where we ate.
4.
We had no need for family rooms
or extra rooms to dine,
When meeting as a family
those two rooms would work out fine.
5.
We only had one TV set,
and channels maybe two,
But always there was one of them
with something worth the view.
6.
For snacks we had potato chips
that tasted like a chip,
And if you wanted flavor
there was Lipton's onion dip.
7.
Store-bought snacks were rare
because my mother liked to cook,
And nothing can compare
to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.
8.
Weekends were for family trips
or staying home to play,
We all did things together --
even go to church to pray.
9.
When we did our weekend trips
depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home
because we liked to be together.
16.
Remember going to the store
and shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it
you used your own money?
17.
Nothing that you had to swipe
or punch in some amount,
Remember when the cashier person
had to really count?
18.
The milkman used to go
from door to door,
And it was just a few cents more
than going to the store.
19.
There was a time when mailed
letters came right to your door,
Without a lot of junk mail ads
sent out by every store.
20.
The mailman knew each house by name
and knew where it was sent;
There were not loads of mail
addressed to "present occupant."
21.
There was a time when just one glance
was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car,
the model and the make.
22.
They didn't look like turtles
trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls, fins,
and really had some style.
23.
One time the music that you played
whenever you would jive,
Was from a vinyl, big-holed record
called a forty-five.
24.
The record player had a post
to keep them all in line,
And then the records would drop down
and play one at a time.

10.

Sometimes we would separate
to do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were
without our own cell phone.

11.

Then there were the movies
with your favorite movie star,
And nothing can compare to
watching movies in your car.

12.

Then there were the picnics at
the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees
and never need a reason.

13.

Get a baseball game together
with all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball --
and no game video.

14.

Remember when the doctor
used to be the family friend,
And didn't need insurance
or a lawyer to defend?

15.

The way that he took care of you
or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and
strived to do the best for you.

25.

Oh sure, we had our problems then,
just like we do today,
And always we were striving,
trying for a better way.

26.

Oh, the simple life we lived
still seems like so much fun,
How can you explain a game,
just kick the can and run?

27.

And why would boys put baseball cards
between bicycle spokes,
And for a nickel red machines
had little bottled Cokes?

28.

This life seemed so much easier
and slower in some ways,
I love the new technology
but I sure miss those days.

29.

So time moves on and so do we,
and nothing stays the same,
But I sure love to reminisce
and walk down memory lane.