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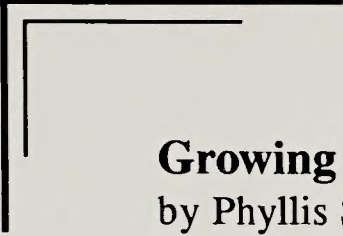
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Growing Up
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Short, chubby arms outstretched
Reaching for larger arms.
Small, young face turned upward,
 looking eargerly
At an older maternal face.

Lift me up so I can see you better.
Wrap your arms around me and hug me/

Please?

No?

Not right now.

Too busy.

Maybe later.

Small frail arms drop.
And tears fill disappointed eyes,
Too young
 to understand
Too busy.