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## Wrinkles

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## Pfeiffer: Wrinkles

### WRINKLES

Serums, creams,  
needles, and tape.  
All things you need  
when your skin starts to crepe.

Smooth and flat,  
nice and neat,  
no one wants laugh lines  
or crow's feet.

But I don't mind,  
I don't even care,  
because I earned my stripes  
fair and square.

It shows that I smiled,  
it shows that I cared,  
each new wrinkle  
and each gray hair.

With the success of each year,  
why lie about your age?  
It shows that you're moving forward.  
What's a book without a page?

Looking back and thinking on  
all that you have done.  
All the years, ages, and loves,  
the times you lost and the times you won.

Some people want you to believe  
that old age is scary and yucky,  
but I think it's a gift  
and some people aren't that lucky.

Not everyone sees their life progress  
into their 70's and 80's.  
So I'll RSVP to life with a 'yes'  
instead of just a 'maybe'.

I'll wear my wrinkles with pride  
for those who never got the chance.  
I'll take every day in stride  
and always accept a dance.

I'll live my life, for better or worse,  
and keep the reaper guessing.  
Because to some it seems like a curse,  
but to me, old age is a blessing.

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