**WONDER (2)**

Wonder at the newborn babe who arrives at the appointed time of the Cosmos.

Wonder at the child whose growth is moulded by family circumstances, physical environment, global economics and international politics.

Wonder at the youth who navigates a path through the often tumultuous teenage years.

Wonder at the young adult bravely laying a foundation for future activities and relationships.

Wonder at the mature adult upon whom others now depend and who guides another generation.

Wonder at the adult who falls on hard times, but finds healing, new growth and purpose in life.

Wonder at the old adult who, perhaps with diminished capacity, nevertheless looks forward or waits patiently for the next stage of LIFE.

Wonder!

(With a nod to Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man" from *As You Like it! -* Act II, Scene VII.)

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