

Opportunities going going

Playmates from childhood

classmates from passing years
unable to know the child might mature
memories of juvenile things frozen in time
change, progress, blessings not considered

Children spending their lives on themselves

thinking promise excludes their parents
learning independence
growing opinions
eager to fly alone into their unknown

Children grown and gone

ever changing, not thinking their parents can
their concept and absence dismissing it
forbidden by themselves to be in awe
leaving treasures on the open floor

Grandchildren sensing wonderful things

the casket slowly passing them by
to dust its hollow shell returns
enriched little from the dust it was before
richer soil kept secret from the life it knew

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