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Congratulations you are here
The land of wisdom and growth
Your years of struggle have paid off
You've earned it, the title:
Adult

Don't you see it?
Don't you feel it?
The success, freedom, happiness, and everything they said it would be
Be proud, you've earned it all on your own
So much has been gained
And what has been lost was never needed

The strangers? They never needed your smiles
The magic? It only blinded you from the truth
Innocence? You're wiser without it
Loneliness? You are your new best friend

Nothing has been lost
The reality has emerged with your new title
It's always been there waiting for the right time
It happens to the most hard-working of us
Welcome to the rest of your life
Welcome to adulthood