

# **FREE TO BE...** **YOU AND ME**

## When We Grow Up from Free to be...You and Me

Diana Ross

When we grow up, will I be pretty?

Will you be big and strong?

Will I wear dresses that show off my knees?

Will you wear trousers twice as long?

Well, I don't care if I'm pretty at all.

And I don't care if you never get tall.

I like what I look like, and you're nice small.

We don't have to change at all.

Hey!

When we grow up, will I be a lady?

Will you be an engineer?

Will I have to wear things like perfume and gloves?

I can still pull the whistle while you steer.

Well, I don't care if I'm pretty at all.

And I don't care if you never get tall.

I like what I look like, and you're nice small.

We don't have to change at all.

When I grow up, I'm gonna be happy and do what I like to do,

Like making noise and making faces and making friends like you.

And when we grow up, do you think we'll see

That I'm still like you and you're still like me?

I might be pretty; you might grow tall.

But we don't have to change at all.

Spoken: I don't want to change, see, 'cause I still want to be your friend, forever and ever and ever and ever and ever.

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## When I Grow Up-Barney Song

When I grow up,  
I'd like to build a barn,  
But I wonder if I'll know how.  
I guess I'll just keep learning things a little at a time  
And I think I'll start right now.  
Because we learn big things  
A little at a time.  
To go right up a mountain,  
First we learn to climb.  
I can be anything when I grow up  
By learning a little at a time.  
When I grow up,  
I'd like to write a song,  
But I wonder if I'll know how.  
I guess I'll just keep learning things a little at a time  
And I think I'll start right now.  
Because we learn big things  
A little at a time.  
To go right up a mountain,  
First we learn to climb.  
I can be anything when I grow up  
By learning a little at a time.  
When I grow up,  
I'd like to fly a plane,  
But I wonder if I'll know how.  
I guess I'll just keep learning things a little at a time  
And I think I'll start right now.  
Because we learn big things  
A little at a time.  
To go right up a mountain,  
First we learn to climb.  
I can be anything when I grow up  
By learning a little at a time.

# Matilda

## When I Grow Up

When I grow up,  
I will be tall enough to reach the branches  
That I need to reach to climb the trees  
You get to climb when you're grown up.

And when I grow up,  
I will be smart enough to answer all  
The questions that you need to know  
The answers to before you're grown up.

And when I grow up,  
I will eat sweets every day,  
On the way to work, and I will  
Go to bed late every night.  
And I will wake up  
When the sun comes up, and I  
Will watch cartoons until my eyes go square,  
And I won't care 'cause I'll be all grown up.

When I grow up (x 4)...  
I will be strong enough to carry all  
The heavy things you have to haul  
Around with you when you're a grown up.

And  
When I grow up (x 3)...  
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures  
That you have to fight beneath the bed  
Each night to be a grown up.

And when I grow up,  
I will have treats every day,  
And I'll play with things that mum pretends  
That mums don't think are fun.

And I will wake up  
When the sun comes up and I  
Will spend all day just lying in the sun.  
And I won't burn 'cause I'll be all grown up.  
When I grow up...

(Ms. Honey:)

When I grow up,  
I will be brave enough to fight the creatures  
That you have to fight beneath the bed  
Each night to be a grown up.

When I grow up...

(Matilda:)

Just because you find that life's not fair, it  
Doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it.  
If you always take it on the chin and wear it, nothing will change.  
Just because I find myself in this story,  
It doesn't mean that everything is written for me.  
If I think the ending is fixed already,  
I might as well be saying I think that it's OK,  
And that's not right!

### Materials:

1. When We Grow Up from Free to Be...You and Me
2. When I Grow Up from the Broadway musical Matilda
3. When I Grow Up from Barney

Directions: Before listening or reading the lyrics, ask students questions about growing up and their expectations for when they are an adult. Write down their ideas on a large paper or the board/SMART board. Compare the three different When I Grow Up songs and ask students if there are similar themes.

- \*Are there any lyrics that say EXACTLY the same thing?
- \*What do you want to be when you grow up?
- \*Which song lyrics fit some of our first ideas?
- \*Which song lyrics fit our ideas after our discussion?