

**Leisure by W H Davies**

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

**The Empty House (by Stephen Spender)**

Then, when the child was gone,  
I was alone  
In the house, suddenly grown huge.  
Each noise  
Explained itself away  
As bird, or creaking board, or mouse,  
Element or animal.  
But mostly there was quiet as after battle  
Where round the room still lay  
The soldiers and the paint box and the toys.  
But when I went to tidy these away,  
I felt my mind swerve:  
My body was the house,  
And everything he'd touched, an exposed nerve.

**Teenage Adolescence!(by Stephanie Quinn)**

"Have you done your homework?"  
"Have you tidied your room?"  
"Turn your music down"  
"Have you washed the pots?"  
"You're grounded"  
Recognise any of these phrases?  
Nag, Nag, Nag That's all they seem to do,  
Yeh you've guessed it that's parents for you,  
Your alarm clock goes, you hear mum  
Shout "Are you up yet?"  
You bury your head under the pillow  
And think to yourself God it's only 8.15  
There's no need to fret,  
So you're supposed to be in school for  
twenty to nine,  
You really do have no sense of time.  
You finally get up and your hair ain't right  
Your face looks as though you've been in a fight,  
You look in the mirror and you've sprouted a big zit,  
You're deffo late now coz you've just chucked a fit,  
So your hair and face are a mess, you've sprouted a zit!  
You're late for school oh! Lesson one PE  
You've forgot your kit,  
It's life and what can I say its part of growing up,  
All you really need is lots of very good luck!!