

A CHILD AGAIN/1

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Little children and animals
are so innocent
they're cute and alive
the witnesses of our lies

Testimony and testimonials
night and daze
and all your efforts to change
in a foggy haze

Vivacious girls
football players
garbage men
mayors

Lovers and hurt people
agnostics and a church steeple
the draft and the war
the schizo and the whore.

I wish I was a child again