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**'important - important' the child thought
while parents fretted and frowned and fought
and counted bills to race their walks –**

**'how important this is – i'll practice hard
to be the same in my adulthood' –
(and so she grew and so she became
cloning her life to more of the same) –**

**'how important this is' the child said
schooled to rules and dressed the same
tossed between parties and classes and games –**

**'i'll practice now to work the rush –
this is what living's really about'
(and so he grew and so he became
living his life in more of the same) –**

**'how important this is' the children said
through studies that wrapped them table to desk
repeating the lessons of memory rote –**

**'everyone's serious – sad – and at fault –
so this is what living is always about' –
(and so they outgrew their childish dreams
to shrink into guilts of always the same).**