

Aging vs. Maturing

It is possible
to age
without maturing;
for aging means
getting older,
while maturing involves
becoming wiser.

Aging is involuntary
and passive;
maturity is intentional
and active.

Aging passes
the years;
maturity learns
from our days.
Aging happens
without our consent;
maturity needs
our cooperation.

Aging is usually endured;
maturity must be pursued.

Some decry
aging;
but all should laud
maturity.
Some deny
aging;
but all should seek
maturity.
Some defy
aging;
but all should greet
maturity.

It is, therefore,
the mark
of maturity
to embrace
aging.

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