

child

I'm a physical child who grows up
being told + shown that
my body is an unreliable unpredictable
source of trouble.

I'm a spiritual child who grows up
being told + shown that
god is just a sunday morning pain in the ass
waiting for me to screw up
so he can rip my life to shreds.

I'm a passionate child who grows up
being told + shown that
feelings are unacceptable + dangerous
to myself + others.

I'm a creative child who grows up
being told + shown that
adults don't have time to be creative.

I'm an honest child who grows up
being told + shown that
I'm always supposed to tell the truth but
it's usually safer + more acceptable to lie.

I'm an independent child who grows up
being told + shown that
going my own way leads to rejection + disaster.

I'm an intuitive child who grows up
being told + shown that
I need a logical justification for
everything I do say + feel.

I'm a smiling child who grows up
being told + shown that
laughter is the best medicine but
happy people usually get punished somehow.

I'm an energetic child who grows up
being told + shown that
I'm not doing enough because I'm lazy.

I'm a gifted child who grows up
being told + shown that
my contributions aren't very important in this world.

I'm a curious child who grows up
being told + shown that
self-awareness endangers the family
so I'd better not question things too much.

I'm a patient child who grows up
being told + shown that
there's not enough time
I'm going too slow
everyone's tired of waiting for me.

I'm a bright child who grows up
being told + shown that
the brain is where it's at but
people who make a living with their brains
are lazy bastards.

I'm a trusting child who grows up
being told + shown that
I don't deserve to be trusted + trust
opens the door to abuse.

I'm a hopeful child who grows up
being told + shown that
life is a series of unhappy events + disasters
so don't expect too much.

I'm an innocent child who grows up
being told + shown that
I'm a bad boy + I oughta be ashamed of myself.

I'm an open-hearted child who grows up
being told + shown that
I'll never be good enough
I'll never be loved enough
I'll never be man enough.

I'm a sad frightened
lonely needy
raging hurting child.