

I Remember

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I remember losing my **first baby tooth**
With the feeling of pride surging through my body
Because I felt **all grown up**

I remember staying up all night with my **friends**
With the feeling that we knew everything about
life, love, and who we would be when we got older

I remember giggling for hours on end with my
little sister,
about things only we would find even mildly droll
With the feeling that **I was loved** and that I had **someone to love**

I remember walking in to an overcrowded high school
With the feeling that **the world was terribly big**
And **I was terribly small**

I remember going on my **first date**
With the feeling that I was the **luckiest girl alive,**
And nothing in the world could **bring me down**

I remember studying my way through **college**
With the feeling like the amount of coffee I drank could've drowned
entire football stadiums

I remember never once missing a
school play, piano recital, or graduation
With the feeling that if I didn't work to keep up,
the **opportunities** to spend time with my children would **slip away**

I remember sobbing as the dreaded day came where it came for my
baby birds to fly away
With the feeling that I was **abandoned,**
even though I knew that I was only doing my
job as a **mother**

I remember my **80th birthday**
With the feeling that **friends and family**
were worth more than anything in the whole world,
as they looped the video of old pictures of
my life,
And I found that I had was trying my hardest to blink away the **tears**

I remember falling asleep one night
and waking up in a place high above the home where I had created so many memories
With the feeling that I lived a **good life**
But I became aware of my stupidity
as I remembered how I couldn't wait to grow up,
because the result of **life,**
are these **wonderful experiences**
and no matter how hard you try
they are unforgettable
they are my **memories...**