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For my mother, who still has a sense of humour.

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“I have powers that can
shorten the night.”

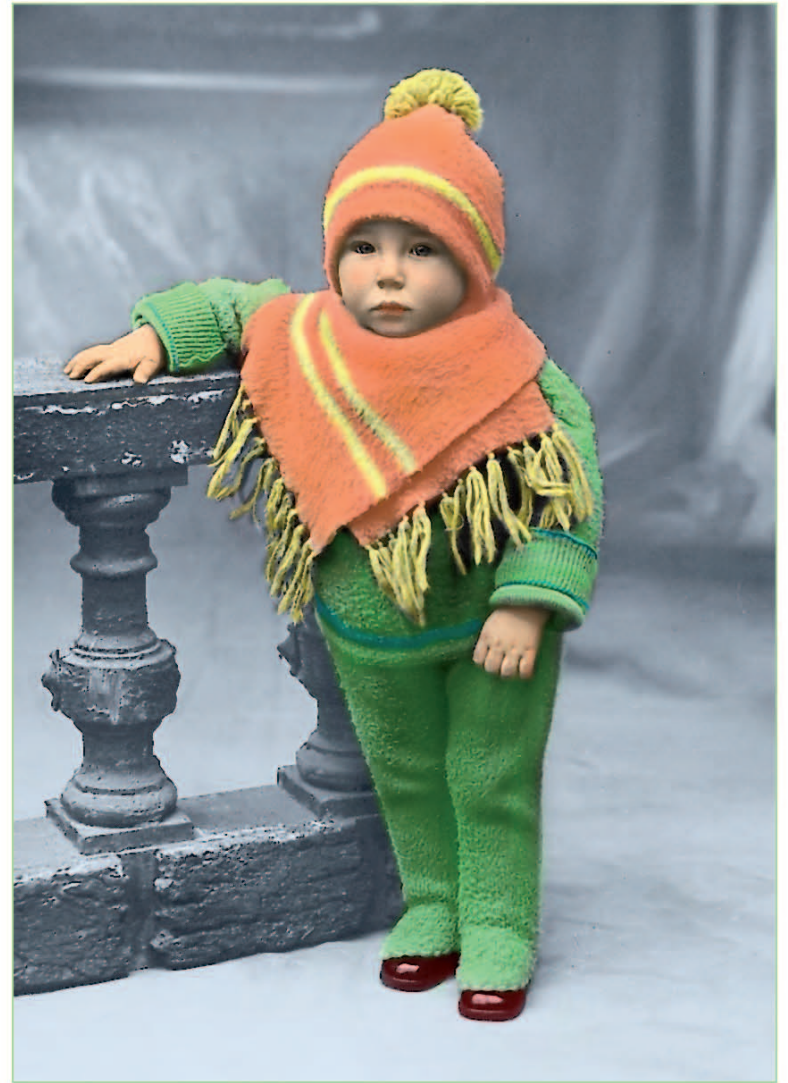
“Mother does everything
by the book.



But I have other plans...”



“Life would be so much nicer if my mother would only stop knitting.”



“Baby?
What am I supposed to do
with a baby?”





I childproofed the house
but they keep getting
back in.

“My life seems to take up
all of my time.”





“I give my family a
choice of food:

1. Take it
2. Leave it.”



For a few stolen moments
she forgot she had any
children.





Puberty is
when your parents start
turning really weird.





“What’s wrong with
your mother coming with
you on your gap year?”

