

Steps In Life

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- 1) “Come on, come to Daddy.....you can do it.....come on....that’s a good boy.....Gooooood!!!!
I had taken my first faltering steps in life and what an achievement. I had risen from being a crawler to a toddler.
- 2) I am now 5 years old and my mother accompanies me to my first school and as we ascend the school steps, she attempts to take my hand which I brush away.
- 3) I am now 7 years old and I travel on a double-decked bus for the first time alone. Of course I must climb up to the top deck and get a front seat if possible.
- 4) My father is decorating the Living Room and I am helping him. I am now 12 years old. There is a lot of work, stripping paper, washing down, painting and papering and I am up and down the step-ladder umpteen times.
- 5) I am now 19 years old and have newly joined the army. After training I am posted to the Middle East and one rainy cold December morning I climb the stairway to the Air Force Transport plane which will take me there.
- 6) I am now in my twenties and love has blossomed resulting in the photographs on the steps of the church on our wedding day.
- 7) Two years later I run up the stairs of the maternity hospital to see the newborn baby for the first time.
- 8) One year on, “Come on.....come to daddy.....you can do it.....that’s a good girl.....Gooooood!!!!