

1. FREE VERSE

ADOLESCENT ACUMEN

Grownups have a song about September.
They get goofy when they think of time
marching on and making them remember
how each minute takes them past their prime.

Don't they know each month is like forever?
Halloween to Christmas drags along
worse than seventh grade. We grumble: "Never
will it get here!" That's our song.

Hey, we know it's stupid to expect things.
Stuff won't happen when you want it to.
Bet it's just the same for nerds or rock kings--
no one's got a clue for what to do.

Old Man Time's just sorting out his backpack,
not about to hurry anyhow.
Folks aren't gonna change him with their yak-yak.
Why not make the honkingmost of now?