

Born Digital

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In this digital world, I was born digital
It is a wonderful world, but life here is fragmental
Now I am in class seven, but I want to be in eleven
So that I will be given my own wired cavern

My mom constantly reminds me of my play time
When I am completely immersed in my screen time
My dad lectures me on digital wisdom
But my heart craves for digital freedom

In online chats I am amazingly bold,
But in person I feel utterly cold
I can interact with ghosts that are virtual
But among my peers I am not natural

My mom reminds me of the digital divide
While I have a digital free ride
I can't comprehend digital exclusion
All I am worried about is digital seclusion

Yours ever anxious
Digital Native

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