## Reaching

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There's a time I can recall Four years old and three feet tall Trying to touch the stars and the cookie jar And both were out of reachAnd later on in my high school It seemed to me a little cruel How the right words to say always seemed to stay Just out of reachWell, I should not have thought it strange That growing causes growing pains 'Cause the more we learn the more we know We don't know anythingBut still it seems a tragic fate Living with this quiet ache The constant strain for what remains Just out of reachWe are reaching for the future We are reaching for the past And no matter what we have we reach for more We are desperate to discover What is just beyond our grasp But maybe that's what Heaven is for There are times I can't forget Dressed up in my Sunday best Trying not to squirm and to maybe learn A bit of what the preacher preached And later lying in the dark I felt a stirring in my heart And though I longed to see what could not be seen I still believedI guess, I shouldn't think it odd Until we see the face of God The yearning deep within us tells us There's more to comeSo when we taste of the divine It leaves us hungry every time For one more taste of what awaits When Heaven's Gates are reachedWe are reaching for the future We are reaching for the past And no matter what we have, we reach for more We are desperate to discover What is just beyond our grasp But maybe that's what Heaven is for I believe that's what Heaven is for There's a time I can recall Four years old and three feet tall Trying to touch the stars and the cookie jar

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