When I Grow Up
(Tall and Smart and Strong and Brave)

Music & Lyrics
Tim Minchin

When I grow up:
I will be tall enough to reach the branches.

That I need to reach to climb the trees:
you get to climb when you're grown up.

And when I grow up:
I will be smart enough to answer all the questions that you need to know the answers to before you're grown up.

And when I grow up:
I will eat sweets every day:
on the way to work and I will go to bed late every night.

And I will wake up:
When the sun comes up and I will watch cartoons until my eyes go square.

When I grow:
I won't care cos I'll be all grown up.

When I grow:
I won't care.
When I grow up, I will be

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strong enough to carry all the heavy things you have to haul. Around with you when you're a grown up.

When I grow up, I will be

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brave enough to fight the creatures. That you have to fight. Beneath the bed each night to be a grown up.

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and When I grow up, __ I will have

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And I’ll play __ with things that Mum Pretends that
treats ev’ry day __
mums don’t think are fun __

And I will wake up __

When the sun __

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And I will spend all day just lying in the sun __

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A bit more relaxed ("Naughty" tempo)

When I grow up, I will be brave enough to fight the creatures that you have to fight beneath the bed each night to be a grown up.

When I grow up, just because you find that life's not fair, it doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it.

If you always take it on the chin and wear it, nothing will change.

Just because I find myself in this story, doesn't mean that everything is written for me.

If I think the ending is fixed already, I might as well be saying I think that it's O.K. and that's not right.