

18 and Life

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Ricky was a young boy, He had a heart of stone.
Lived 9 to 5 and worked his fingers to the bone.
Just barely got out of school, came from the edge of town.
Fought like a switchblade so no one could take him down.
He had no money, oooh no good at home.
He walked the streets a soldier and he fought the world alone
And now it's

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18 and life you know
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18 and life to go
(repeat)

Tequila in his heartbeat, His veins burned gasoline.
It kept his motor running but it never kept him clean.
They say he loved adventure, "Ricky's the wild one."
He married trouble and had a courtship with a gun.
Bang Bang Shoot 'em up, The party never ends.
You can't think of dying when the bottle's your best friend
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"Accidents will happen" they all heard Ricky say
He fired his six-shot to the wind that blew a child away.

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Supporting Details:

Based on the details provided, make an ***inference*** about the age of Ricky. Highlight the details in the text that helped you come this conclusion.

Meanings of Words:

This section uses a lot of ***figurative language***, including ***metaphor***, ***personification***, and ***onomatopoeia***. Find an example of each.

Cause and Effect Relationships:

What, according to the chorus, is the ***effect*** of Ricky's actions?

What is the ***cause*** behind Ricky's lifestyle and his "courtship with a gun," according to the first stanza?