

# Take Time

*Take time to hold me on your lap,  
To joke with me and make me laugh,  
Take time, Mommy; this time will go so fast.*

*Take time to give me extra hugs,  
To teach me a nursery rhyme or song,  
Take time, Mommy; I won't be little long.*

*Take time to tuck me into bed,  
To read that story you know by heart,  
Take time, Mommy; soon these days will part.*

*Take time to exclaim over what I color,  
To admire the things I make from clay,  
Take time, Mommy; I'm growing up and away.*

*Take time to imagine or make-believe,  
To play some childish silly game,  
Take time, Mommy; soon it won't be the same.*

*Take time to let me help you work,  
To teach me the many things you know,  
Take time, Mommy; enjoy me as I grow.*

*Julie O'Brien*