

Alto

On Children

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Words: Khalil Gibran

Music: "Sweet Honey in the Rock", adapted

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Your child - ren _____ are not your _____ child - ren _____ they are the sons and the daugh

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- ters of Life's long - ing for it - self _____ They come through you _____ but they are not of you _____

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

and though they are with you they be - long not to _____ you. You can give them your love

19 20 *p* 21 *mp* 22 23 24

but not your thoughts. (hm) They have their ow - n thoughts They have their ow - n thoughts

25 26 27 28 29 30

You can house their bo - dies but not their souls for their souls dwell in a place of

31 32 33 34 35

to - mor row which you can - not vis - it not e - ven in in - yo - ur dreams You can try to be like

36 37 38 39 40 41

them but you can - not make them just like you Try to be - like them but you can - not make them

42 43

just like you _____