

They Say You Die the Way You Live

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I hope I don't die
Doing something stupid
They say you die the way you live.

I hope I don't die
Doing something stupid
Like skiing straight into a tree
Or cooking a fork in the microwave

If it's up to me
I like to have a little dignity
I'm tired of living...foolishly.

I'd like to go
Closing my eyes tight
And resting in the peace within

I don't want to look back
And say what a waste of time
And go out feeling ashamed.

I don't want to slip in the shower
I don't want to go out a loser
And never know who I am.

I don't want to choke on a flower
And people say she was taken before her time
As they do so flippantly.

I want to have some dignity
I better take it while I can.
If I don't have it now, today
I might as well
Quietly fade away.