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WITH CHILD AGAIN

by *Pat Kourt*

I am with child again.

Stretching before me, nine months of pleasure and agony seem endless.

My family suffers with me as I complain often and sigh tiredly at the end of the day.

I am with child again.

Spinning with names, my head is filled with wonder of future days.

My friends remark perhaps I'm "too old" for this.

I am with child again.

Warning me of too much stress, my doctor checks my heart, then my pulse.

He smiles, knowing my love for busy hands and small, freckled faces.

I am with child again.

Clanging loudly, the corridor bell summons me to my desk.

Yes, it is the first day of school

I am with child again!

a teacher. ■

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