

MANHOOD

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When does a man become a MAN?
Does he become a MAN after his first shave?
Does he become a MAN after his first save?
Is he a MAN when he stands on his two feet?
No longer a part of, but an individual
Seeking out his destiny?

Is a man a MAN when he knows his place in life
His responsibilities
His strengths and
His weaknesses?

Does a man become a MAN
At the passing of rite
At the cutting of foreskin or
At the slaughter of a lion?

Is a man a MAN when he sires offspring?
When he builds a home
When he destroys a home?
Is a man a MAN at the unwilling
Subjugation of his spouse?

Does a man become a MAN,
When he runs forwards ever
And backwards never?
When his heart leads him
His body carries him
And his spirit heals him?

Is a man an MAN when
His dreams guide him and
His vision pushes him and
His family backs him?

Is a man a MAN
The day he was wrapped
In a blue blanket
And not a pink one?

Does a man become a MAN
When he submits to a higher order
When he is strong enough to say "sorry"
Humble enough to say, "I am nothing,
It is everything around me
That makes me something!"

Tell me
When does a man become a MAN?
Does a man ever become a MAN?

