

## Hair: Seven Styles



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Cover photo of 8-year-old Julia  
sporting a pixie cut

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1979

At twenty-two, she blow dries,  
coaxes curls, brushes, sprays.  
Tucks baby's breath behind an ear  
on her wedding day.

1990

At thirty-ish, a glamour photo  
for a sleep-deprived new mom:  
bare shoulders, up-do.  
Leaking breasts cropped.

1997

The big 4-0: foil packets  
of honey, ash, lemon  
camouflage a head filled with  
demands, details, demons.

2007

She wields a scissors  
in bathroom: pixie cut redux.  
Runs hands through short mop.  
Simplify, they said. She did.

P.S. – 2012

Back to long layers,  
monthly color, electric rollers,  
hairspray. Ah, frailty,  
you still know my name.

1963

At five, she gets a pixie cut  
just like the photo in McCall's.  
Looks like hay whacked  
by a scythe in July.

1969

Almost thirteen, she won't go  
to Bonnie's Beauty Parlor.  
Wants hair down her back  
like Janis Joplin.