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*The Life and Writings
of a Young Poet
1986-2006*

By Alex Ware
with reflections by family and friends

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