Perks of being over 50, or under

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Imagination is always more terrifying than reality.

When you are in your teens, many of you dread the thought of being twenty-five. There is nothing fearful at that height, because there is hopefully so much more to climb. When you eventually cross thirty some of you are never older than twenty-five for the next fifteen years or so. As one bright husband mentioned, 'we are celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of my wife's twenty-fifth birthday.' That is one very good reason for such a long enduring relationship.

Someone is circulating on the net am item titled perks of being over fifty. These are all a jab against the elderly. But wait, that made me think about our youths, or those who feel forever young. You can count me in either bracket, because as I gather from my letters, some are after my age. The idea is to break the shackles of every bracket and be positive whether you are twenty, forty or eighty, or worst, negative at any age, even two: '*Ami dudu khabo na!*'

If you are 50, or feel like 70	If you are 20, or feel like so
Kidnappers are not very interested in you	You wonder why they are called kidnappers when it is the grown-ups they are interested in
In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first	You would be greatly saddened if the host was someone you longed for
No one expects you to run --anywhere	No one allows you to run everywhere.
People call at 9 pm and ask, 'Did I wake you????'	You don't think it is a bad query because you are catching up on some advanced sleep for a long night ahead.
People no longer view you as a hypochondriac	You view anyone above 30 as a hypochondriac
There is nothing left to learn the hard way	Nothing seems hard to learn, especially the wrong ones
Things you buy now won't wear out	Things you buy now you don't want to wear
You can eat supper at 4pm	And dinner at 8pm, and late night snacks...
You can live without sex but not your glasses	Some of you can live without sex but not your glasses (drinking)
You get into heated arguments about pension plans	You get into heated arguments about almost anything
You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge	Unfortunately you never think of speed limits as a challenge
You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room	You try walking into a room holding someone else's stomach
You sing along with elevator music	You want to select the elevator music
Your eyes won't get much worse	You wish you could wear spectacles to look mature
Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off	You are looking for a health insurance that will make you live for 150 years, or more
Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either	Your secrets are safe with your friends because every friend knows them
Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size	Your brain cells are always in short supply
You can't remember who sent you this list.	You want to remember every word on this list.
Your friends are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.	On any given topic your friends are more accurate than every living Nobel laureate.
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