

## **8 Years**

### *Affect*

Tendency to disequilibrium between self and others  
Thinks he knows “everything” but beginning to recognize that others may know more  
Impatient, especially with self  
“Snippy,” careless  
Dramatizes anything  
Some jealousy of parents being together  
Critical of others and also of self  
Selfish and demands much attention  
Bursts into tears; has laughing jags  
Often gay and cheerful  
Very curious about personal activities of others  
Feelings of guilt  
High humor sense  
Out of bounds verbally; talks a great deal, exaggerates, boasts, raises voice

### *Assertion/Anger*

Contacts environment curiously rather than aggressively  
Responds to attack and criticism with hurt feelings, rather than with aggression  
Aggression seldom physical, chiefly verbal; argues, alibis, calls names, or makes disagreeable remarks

### *Fears/Worries*

Fewer fears, less worrying  
May still have fear of fighting or failure, of not being liked  
Less fear of elements and fewer visual and auditory fears  
Girls may fear strange men  
Enjoy frightening others with “boo” or by telling scary stories  
Compulsively repeat fear situations to resolve them  
May worry in midst of an experience