

# Why Is This Woman Smiling?

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I was at the doctor's office  
They had a poster of the Mona Lisa  
and the caption underneath it read:  
“Why is this woman smiling?”

Well, it wasn't because she was over 50  
and had yearly mammograms  
It was because she was 20 something  
and had nightly mammograms  
from her boyfriend's hands

It's because she can still eat  
chocolate and have multiple orgasms  
She is smiling because  
she has no paranoia  
or worries and has never  
heard a politician speak  
ever in her life  
and that is what we call good karma  
and sweet good luck

She is smiling because  
she knows something we  
have forgotten in our rush  
to get to the adult world

And she is smiling because  
she still has a life among toys

