

## **The Life Cycle of a Panda**

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Pandas are China's treasure  
But they aren't depicted as statues  
These black and white creatures are living things  
This means they have a life

They start out as a hairless cub  
Pink, tiny and blind  
Mother's milk is what they have  
They drink and drink and drink

Soon the black and white  
Starts to come and grow  
Now they're three weeks old  
And their eyes allow them to see

The panda cub has all grown up  
Mother and cub separate  
It's time for cub to start the test called  
'How to Live your Life'

Five years old - it's time  
For the girl to sexually mature  
Two years later, the boy as well  
Now it's time for mating

Finally, the pairs have been decided  
They mate, and then they separate  
Many months later, Mama gives birth  
To two cubs, pink, hairless and blind

The life cycle of a panda starts again  
From newborn to adult  
These creatures, though, have always been  
And will always be China's.