

Merry Christmas!

An interesting year we've had here in Missouri
Full of the regular bustle and hurry.
No major changes occurred in our home.
But three of five children continue to roam.
Though, most are now gone, at least live away,
They still fill our minds at least one time per day.

Greg is finishing his dental school training
He has only five months of schooling remaining.
But then we will have two more years to haunt us
He's bound and determined to become orthodontist.
He'll be graduated number one in his class
We're all just happy that he is going to pass.

Cheryl is honing her homemaking skills
Cooking and mending and writing out bills.
Brian, their first born, is an unusual case.
His hobby is talking. He gets "right in your face".
With incessant jabber and now sentences too
Oral communications--his favorite "do".

Bradford and Connie will both graduate
From Brigham Young U. in twelve eighty-eight.
They will be moving to Riverside, CA
A city that's located east of L.A.
Brad graduated in Business, Connie in Ed,
But only Brad will "bring home the bread".

Michael, their son, now eighteen months old,
Continues to bring sunshine to their fold.
Although he's not quite "the terrible two",
He is already a "boy wrecking crew".
We wish them our best as they start life's next phase.
We hope they'll be happy the rest of their days.

Scott, on his mission out in the Pacific
Continues his adventure, somewhat less than terrific
He's back cross the equator, that's hardly a "bummer".
A hundred mile flight from fall back to summer.
From all the reports that we're getting here
Scott's plowing new ground, he's never known fear.



He has just introduced the concept of doors,
Now he is working on toilets with floors.
With all of these projects, we're happy to say
He's training and baptizing the rest of the day.
He still is living on a menu bizarre
So send him some goodies in box or a jar.

For Matthew, so far a real banner year.
As a high school senior there's plenty to cheer.
Continued straight A's is his record scholastic
A record that can only be touted "fantastic".
He ended his football career with a roar.
Just take a look at his personal score.
All-conference, and all-district as offensive guard.
All-conference end on defense, now that's kinda hard.

He set a new record, two years in a row.
Two years as team leader, his coach chose him so.
To add to his achievement portfolio
He captured the lead in the musical show.
Yes, his musical career is ending just great.
Two years in a row he's selected All-State.

Jennifer is really a young woman now.
We're always amazed that she could learn how.
Like her brothers before her she's started out singing.
In solos and choirs her voice is now ringing.
She'll be twelve years old by the time you get this
Of things for teenagers, there's nothing she'll miss.

She wants Claiborne purses that cost fifty dollars
When her Daddy hears this he just stands there and hollers.
In school as a scholar she does it first rate
She's very mature and she really looks great.
While she'll always be baby to Mother and Dad
She's reaching the age where boys make her glad.

Jackie and John, they went off together
On a trip to Great Britain with it's cold clammy weather.
It worked out quite well, John actually had fun.
First time in their marriage such a thing they have done.
They walked many miles through England and Wales
And Scotland with it's heather, lochs, mountains and dales.

You'd think with only two kids in the nest
They'd have lots of time for lounging and rest.
But that's not the way it turns out to be
They still spend lots of time on the wandering three.
That families can be forever, they're sure
But will they always remain such a chore.

Their callings in church take a great deal of time
They have always done so, so that's not a crime.
Jackie works with young women. They mean much to her.
John--Stake Presidency, you know that for sure.
Their bodies are now showing signs of the wear
Of the fifty odd years of minimal care.

John still runs three miles every morning.
But when he gets done his body yells "warning".
Jackie works out once a month for her back
She should everyday, but won't cut enough slack.
They seem to be closer than ever before.
With all kids doing well, they don't need too much more.

Like your's, our world in "complexer" today
Things are much tougher in every way.
But on the whole we are still very blessed
Much richer by far than we'd ever guessed.
We have had our share of worry and bustle
But that's how we develop our life giving muscle.
We can't know the good til we worked through the bad
It's knowledge of pain that makes us know glad.

So, as we struggle, that's both you and us
Remember the one who can guide through the fuss.
The Savior, Redeemer, however he's known
Continues to watch us from up on His throne.
He guides us and lifts us and carries us too
And all that He asks each one of us do,

Is love one another in some active way
Not in just words but in work and in play.
Yes, to honor and support the Savior above
Give to your neighbor a big dose of love.
Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year
We wish to you from our family back here.

THE JORGENSENS
JACKIE, JOHN, MATT, JENNIFER
& SCOTT (WHERE EVER HE IS?)

