

Seasons Greetings from The Jorgensens for 1996

Another year has gone past
Much quicker than even the last.
Time marches on
The century's near gone.
It's been disappearing so fast.

As has always been our tradition
We want you to know our condition.
Out here in Missouri
We continue to scurry.
And struggle to keep our position.

Jennifer is out at the "Y."
Though she isn't really sure why
She has lots of studies
But not many buddies.
Especially one that's a guy.

She yearns for those high school days.
When her friends would always amaze,
Cause their number was great,
She'd never need wait
With those guys her life was ablaze.

Last year she met some new boys.
And then they supplied her some joys.
Now away on a mission
They're out of commission.
And Jenny has run out of toys.

She must now raise up her aim.
She still can play the same game.
She must get a bit bolder
And look to those older
Who from their missions just came.

She isn't real serious just yet
A husband she's not out to get.
Just a friend or two
So she won't be blue.
With them she'll really be set.

Her Christmas this year will be great.
She'll travel with Cara her mate
To the Emerald Isle
For just a short while.
For Ireland she hardly can wait.

Matthew has had a big year.
Ninety-six is one he'll revere.
In August he wed
What more can be said?
Some more facts we'll report here.

He married Jana Lynn Hales
Together they set their sails
In Idaho Falls
Within Temple walls
They're ready for life's many gales.

Jana was graduated by BYU.
In the spring she had made it through.
Now teaches in school
The class she must rule.
Second graders are pretty tough too.

They settled in southern Salt Lake.
For both a really good break.
She works in Sandy
For him it is handy
As a broker he has deals he must make.

Matt still has his eye way ahead
Though his BS has been put to bed
An advanced degree
It just has to be
Just like he always has said.

But now that he has a new wife
He leads a more complex life.
Together they can
Execute Matthew's plan
A path with sacrifice rife.



Merry Christmas for 1996 from The Jorgensens

Scott, Pam and Mitchell remain
Out there on the New Mexico plain.
Scott was graduated
Though slightly out dated
Computers are still his domain.

As an officially graduated engineer
Scott has something to cheer
Cause there at Intel
He'll do really well
As a professional in that technical sphere.

Pam leads the primary song.
Soon that's where Mitch will belong
Scott clerks for an hour
And then leads the choir.
Activities will keeps them from wrong.

Mitchell has grown up a mile
And develop an inscrutable smile.
He stares right on through
Beyond me and you
And studies us all of the while.

For a baby it's really quite queer.
The wheels in his brain you can hear.
As he makes up his mind
He is usually kind.
Finally, his smile brings you cheer.

Brad and his family continue to stay
Right down there in the heart of LA.
Not far from the ocean
Amid all the commotion
But his work he thinks of as play.

He still works with celeb's galore
At a pace that requires much more.
He meets with the great
For just a brief date
But his work will soon fill up a store.

Computer animation is new.
And now is in most things you view.
Movies and such
In videos much.
And Brad's doing all he can do.

Mike and Andrea are now in school.
Allie - the home she does rule.
Connie's a mother
She works like none other
Keeping all things proper and cool.

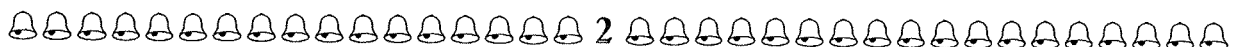
Relief Society keeps Connie from wrong.
It seems that is where she'll belong
Brad's bishopric
That's no easy trick.
Their service will bring them along.

Greg's practice continues to grow.
His success continues to show.
His office expands
On New Mexico sands.
A permanent office he'll know.

He had hoped to stay where he was.
The low rent had given him cause
To remain small
That's not good at all
So now you hear hammers and saws.

Brian and Brent work together
They are buddies in all kinds of weather.
They're brothers to Brooke
Who has them all shook
Cause she's always doing them one better.

Brooke is responsive as ever
Her actions are really quite clever.
For Cheryl she sings
And all kinds of things.
Too much Barney, no really not never.



Happy New Year for 1997 from The Jorgensens

At Church, Greg has a commission
As president of the Stake Mission.
For Cheryl Relief Society
Provides her variety
They both are propelled by ambition.

Jackie and John are the same.
They've changed just slightly their game.
Jackie's taken a job.
She now must hob nob
With those of some little fame.

She's the community's cultural maven
In Moberly - that cultural haven.
She works half the day
For about one forth pay.
But enough to satisfy her craven.

John is still making car parts.
For autos and also golf carts.
His twenty fifth year
With the company here.
It still takes all of his smarts.

At Church Jackie's calling is *hairy*.
For some it would not be merry.
She's now up at six.
Her classroom to fix
For students in her seminary.

A broken record for John his calling.
So long it seems quite appalling
President of the Stake
For him there's no break.
But he is climbing rather than falling.

The second year they've been alone.
New skills they've needed to hone.
The family has met
On the Internet.
Amazing what can be done on the phone.

On Sunday they gather together
Regardless of politics or weather.
It's called *Jorgenchat*
That's where it's at.
America on Line - there's none better.

Seasons Greetings we're sending along
For this season of celebration and song.
Merry Christmas to you.
Happy New Year too.
May all things be the way they belong.

Many years we have sent out this poem
From our house into your home.
It's hard to get done.
But, it is also fun.
Even though it becomes quite a tome.

For many this letter's a fuss.
It has also caused some to cuss.
Yes it is cheap.
It puts you to sleep.
But it's a family history for us.

Just remember that love's our intent.
With every letter we've sent.
Christ is the reason
For this merry season.
That's all that our letters have meant.

The Jorgensens - Jackie, John and Jenny