

It went by in a blink, won't you agree?
And now the page turns on twenty-twenty three.
Thanksgiving and Christmas we bunched them as one.
So, Mom and Dad could escape to the sun.
With just one condition, before they would go
Dad wanted a cooler of nice tender doe.
So, I shot them a beast on that rainy warm day.
They packed, and they left, for a fine winter stay.
They said their goodbyes, thought they were alone.
They had no idea, that down south we had flown.
When we got to their place, they were ready for bed.
But when we stepped in, mom lost her head
Her mouth dropped right open, arms flung in the air
The night gown, the scream, and the fluffy white hair
We'll never forget it, and neither will she.
Best surprise ever, we all must agree.
So, off to the beach you'd think for some sun.
Splash in the ocean or go for a run?
No, not this year, the temperatures dropped.
A record low cold snap, the gators all shocked
Our luck in that state has not been the best.
No trips to the E.R. we left feeling blessed.
Our kids did, however, go back for some more.
Took their spring break at the Miami shore.

And later that spring Ben finished up school.
All done in three years he worked like a mule.
Our Lilly scored big, with an insurance firm.
Got a great deal, as a summer intern.
She stayed in the south to live near her brother.
As soon as school ended, so did her mother.
She cooked and she cleaned and then sat by the pool
If she could go back, she'd enroll in that school
Ben looked for a job, but not in a chair.
All Locked up indoors he'd pull out his hair.
So he tried out electric and then to the cops
Those weeks in the academy, they busted their chops.
And then Luke got married, on a beautiful day.
We met Kaitlin's family, on our weekend stay.
They finished their vows, and then off to the Sea.
Luke paid for it all, got nothin for free!
The rain wouldn't stop, we went south for sun.
Met up with the kids, we were hoping for fun.
Outer Banks was our spot, we stayed on the bay
Everything was good, till the phone rang one day.
The news was a shock, Paul went home with the Lord.
And now he's with Joyce, and that's what we look toward.
Someday we'll see them, his mind is now clear.
A perfect new body, and nothing to fear.

And when we went back, Ben ended his tour
The force wasn't him, for that he was sure.
So, he scoured the web, for all he applied.
And finally, it happened, a job it's outside!
Now he stays, right where he was meant to be.

The perfect employment at Liberty

And while all that happened Luke worked with his spouse

They made a new home, of that new fixed up house.

And Seth didn't slow down, he picked up a hammer.

On Railroad Ave, he made quite a clamor

And not to be outdone, we can't forget Chad.

He moved from the cozy apartment they had.

He dealt with the snakes, the bears, and a mouse

Not a dull moment with his Verbo house

And Lisa and Ken, they traded up too.

I guess that they needed something to do.

They're living their lives, like musical chairs.

Fixing up homes and making them theirs

And while that all happens, we clean out Paul's place

It's slowly becoming a very nice space.

A project in progress, were plugging along.

While Ben and our Lilly are still going strong

The concerts, the races, the football games

They watch all the sports and root for the flames.

We'll battle the Ducks, on this New Years Day

And guess who is going to watch them play.

It's Ben and our Lilly headed out west.

The life they are living, it is just the best.

And so a new year will start really soon

and this time we won't, elect a buffoon.

Hamas will get crushed, and inflation will fall

The Lord has a plan, and I will write of it all.