

2022

Well, this one is long, so pull up a seat
Maybe a snack, or something to eat?
I'm not gonna lie, it started out rough
By late the third month, we all had enough
I lost my friend Lefty, his cancer came quick
It weighed on my heart, like a big giant brick
Then dad on his feet, he wobbled a lot
His back was the issue, that's what we all thought
The surgeon was good, least that's what he said
But dad was now stuck, in a hospital bed
The time went by slow, and he finally got out
And that's when his health, had another rough bout
I had plans for a trip, but mom gave me a call
His temperature spiked, it just wouldn't fall
The ambulance came, when we called 911
A night in the lot, and that was no fun
In time dad recovered, he kicked that infection
Got himself headed, in the right direction
So back at the house, snowed a foot in an hour
Covered us good, and took out the power
We all toughed it out, a week off the grid
Our gene's ran strong, I'm glad that they did
And while all that happened, Yeah, where had they been
Sunning themselves, were Lisa and Ken
They sold their dream home, in South Carolina
I imagine that caused, Lisa's angina
A replacement in order, they chose Word of Life
Next winter more time, without all that strife
That's such a good plan, our parents will go

Avoid all the darkness, the wind and the snow
And all through the troubles, the world kept on spinning
Lilly in basketball, made sure they were winning
down only by two, the crowd was so grim
when right out of nowhere, came our Lillian
She drove to the basket, and cut through the crowd
With one euro step, the fans screamed out loud.
And with that clutch point, they went to post season
Everyone knows, that she is the reason
Then with her first boyfriend, she went to the prom
And scheduled a trip, down south with her mom
her last year in high school, was filled with such fun
her senior trip, then to graduation
And Ben was having, some fun of his own
A trip overseas, far away from our home
He landed in Turkey, and then went to Greece
Stayed far from Ukraine, where there is no peace
And Lil dumped that boyfriend, he needed to go
He wasn't for her, that smooth talkin beau
Ben worked the farm, on that hot and dry summer
The hay didn't grow, and that was a bummer
So he picked up a job, swinging a hammer
Sweating it out, he doesn't need glamour
And I dug all the holes, and finished the fence
Cut mikes phone line, and that got intense
Luke scalped the lake house, grabbed cabinets for free
Filled up his place even with a bum knee.
And at summer's end, we went to LU
We knew we'd come back, with nothing to do
So I took Ben's hours, to work on that farm

I have to wake early, it does me no harm
We went back to Lynchburg, and Smith Mountain Lake
It was a vacation, we needed to take
Chad bought a house, but not to live in
Now he and his wife, get paid with a grin
You'd think that by now, I would run out of stuff
But like I said, this year has been rough
Lilly had Mono, and then got the flu
Inflation got crazy, and midterms did too
But Roe vs Wade, went down in the court
and Seth got a deer, with a rattle and snort
So what's in our future? only God knows that
Just wake up each day, and hold on to your hat.