

CHRISTMAS CARD TO MY FAMILY

DECEMBER 2014

Three days after Christmas in a land far away, (Richland, PA)
Lives a kindly, old woman, whose hubby is gray.

"We used to be young," so often they say,
But no one's alive, who remembers THAT day!

But now, these young lovers, (umm)
So blessed through the years,
Forget all their troubles, old worries and fears.

They waken each morning, mid-morning, or NOON,
Rejoicing, and praying, or singing a tune:
"O happy day, O happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away."

They carefully count all the blessings of life;
For sixty-four years they've been husband and wife.

So thankful for daughters (three), their hubbies (one each),
and kids,

(lets see now - nine grandchildren, seven married, two great-grandchildren,
and numbers changing frequently)

Enjoying the little ones still wearing bibs.

So "Queenly" she sits in her comfortable chair,
With arms opened wide, and warm like a bear; (the chair, that is)
Serenely at peace, with her God - and her man, (most of the time)
We see her Crocheting, with needles in hand.

The scarves that she makes for the young and the old,
With colorful yarns that are pink, rose and gold,
Are made for a day that is windy and cold,
The body to warm, and the neck to enfold.

The man in her house, for a century or more,
(actually, only 64 years!!!!)
Sits watchfully by, with his eye on the door.
Both longingly wish for a visit today,
From family they hope more than an hour will stay!!!

SECOND STANZA

And then on a peaceful and calm Sabbath Day, (December 28)

No creature was stirring, not even at play;
And Pop Pop had gone for his afternoon snore,
When a rumble was heard, and a knock at the door.

And what to their listening ears should be heard,
Not Santa, nor reindeer, nor fluttering bird;
'Twas the "FLIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS"
It happens each year,
When all in the family - THE LOVED ONES draw near.

They came through the door - A thundering crowd -
Some talking, some laughing - and all very loud, (yes, yes)
A hundred or more - My, Oh what a crew,
Some young, and SOME* old (*maybe more), some very young, too,

The Bible was read, and we heard of God's Love -
Remembered His Gift - Who came from above;
Exchanged a few gifts. ate turkey, then pie;
The time spent together, so quickly went by.

We laughed as we ate, and had lots of fun,
But then it was time when some had to run.
The day was soon over, we all said "goodbye"
With a hug, and a kiss, and a tear in the eye.

Then filled with a heart of great joy and delight,
They watched with a prayer as the family took flight,

The kindly old lady - old man at her side,
Stood there at the door as they all waved goodbye;
"Twas a Wonderful Day! - They're really the best,
Now please shut the door, and let's get some rest."

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT"**

A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO