

2004 Life Member Tribute by the Madison Area Club. Written and narrated by Kris Engbring, organist Shirley Storkson.

One of the most pleasant traditions at Grand Chapter is to honor our Life members. We greet you on this springtime day and welcome our Life Members here. What a glorious group you are to behold, our wishes are most sincere.

I'd read this message in rhyme, you see, if I more talent had.
I'd sing the verses to all of you, but trust me that would be bad.
You've long been members of Our Star, and helped with many things.
You've served our Order through and through and so for you we sing.
You'll know the tune we sing today, the words though will be new.
Life is amazing and full of grace, whether you're nine or ninety-two.
So listen close to our small choir, who have practiced for hours on end.
To bring this little song to you, our lifelong, golden friends.

(To the Tune of Amazing Grace)

Amazing face, how tired and round
You're aging constantly
Where did you find that extra pound?
This struggle with gravity.

Seems now the print is oh, so small.
Our hearings dimming too.
Hey, I just lowered my cholesterol
Well la de da for you

From mental fog we try to recover
With unearthly cups of caffeine
But we can only laugh when we discover
We've been waiting for a stop sign to turn green.

When we were young who would have thought
Our knees would someday creak?
And these power surges hey, thanks a lot
Old age is looking bleak.

Hey, wait a minute! Snap out of it. This is life. You may have some aches and changes, but at least you are loved, and you're here at Grand Chapter. And that sure beats the alternative.

Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm, good point.

Amazing face, how sweet and round
What better friend could there be?

I'll claim you back from the lost and found
And take you home with me.

And so the eyesight is no good, and climbing those stairs is bold.
Remember each and every day, there are blessings to behold.
Like springtime flowers, and budding trees, and prayers at the close of each day.
And friends to share this journey with, to help us on our way.
Remember Adah's fidelity, Ruth's constancy supreme
The loyalty of our good queen, bright sunshine like a beam.
Of Heaven and things yet to come, the faith of Martha true
Electa's love to all mankind, these are all reflected in you.
We thank you for your many years, of guidance, faith and love.
Through all the stages of our life, we ask for blessings from above.

We're thankful for our past and pray for you, our golden friends, peace and love to last.