

The Passing

In Honor of Alice Robertson
Who Passed on Saturday, October 23rd, 2010
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What can one do or say
When a life is at an end?
How does one say "Goodbye"
To a coworker and a friend?

A passing causes us, by nature,
To be filled with grief – to feel shaken, to feel sad.
When the one who has passed would probably
Want us to give thanks – to be glad!

A life that's been well lived
Is an inspiration - a real joy to behold.
The passing shouldn't sadden or grieve us,
For our friend's been gathered into the "fold"!

The love and the life you shared
Are recalled with appreciation and even some laughter.
The example you gave us all
Will remain with us ever after.

While your life, at times, was a challenge
And came to a quick, and unexpected, end.
You always took time for others -
Took time to encourage, to serve, and to befriend.

You showed us how to truly live.
Your life had real focus and purpose.
We know you would want us to continue
Living "good" lives – lives of love and of service.

You felt real pride in family and in country –
From that you did not waiver or swerve.
The freedom and dignity of us and of others
You continually reaffirmed and sought to preserve.

And so, here's to you, Alice Robertson -
Your life is now over and you have passed.
But your love and memories will remain with us.
What more could one hope for or ask!