**I Have Lived A Great Life**

**And as I look back, I have lived a great life. I have**

**conquered some fears even found hidden talents.**

**How others feel about me, it's just a matter**

**of taking a vote and counting the ballots.**

**There are things though, things I wish**

**I could rearrange, even take back.**

**But stuff happens and for me, a**

**forgiving heart is just a matter of fact.**

**I didn't have all the answers to the questions**

**my children had and they were plenty.**

**I raised them the best way I knew how. Praying the**

**love I had, in my heart, was never running on empty.**

**I tried to teach them right from wrong, and when**

**I made a mistake, I wasn't afraid to admit it.**

**Sacrifices made were never seen that way. They**

**were loving gestures that I didn't mind a bit.**

**I'm still learning. I guess education is something**

**that doesn't stop no matter how old one gets.**

**And as I watch my children with their own, the**

**labor of love is something one just never forgets.**

**The clock is ticking fast, I know the time will**

**eventually come when I will be leaving this earth.**

**Until then, I am looking forward to**

**celebrating the anniversary of my birth.**

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