**Celebrating The Joy Of Life**

**The secret of getting older, graciously,**

**is being open to what God has to say.**

**Making all the necessary changes,**

**not letting negativity get in the way.**

**It's admitting when one is wrong,**

**in some of the decisions one makes.**

**Apologizing with a loving**

**heart, do whatever it takes.**

**And being patient when things don't**

**go your way, sometimes it doesn't!**

**Giving another person, the benefit of**

**the doubt, once, twice, even a dozen.**

**It's taking responsibility**

**for things said or done.**

**Not letting life's challenges make**

**you a bitter person, no longer fun.**

**It's taking what one learned, as a child,**

**making those changes, not to all but some.**

**With each birthday, perhaps those**

**changes will one day be called wisdom.**

**Having another birthday means**

**celebrating the joy of life not fears;**

**because one never knows what God**

**has in mind in the coming years.**

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