

HOW CAN I SAY ADIEU TO MY FRIEND?

**How can I say adieu to you my friend?
Golden days of youthful time
Fill my heart with a joyful rhyme
Two families joined as neighbours
Seldom forgot to exchange our favours
Happy we were as our children grew,
Picking up strawberries, driving for miles
Sailing on the streaming river - deep blue**

**Little did we know the irony of fate
Darkness loomed like an ominous spell
Shadows cast on the green grass hill
Birds stopped singing in the forest deep
Lightening flashed and the thunder roared
Rampage raided to make our hearts blow**

**Yet you stood firm as rock
Treating all your pain and grief as a mock
Your kindness touched many hearts on earth
Which may fall from heaven as tender dewdrop
“Life on earth is a precious gift “
These words of wisdom that you taught us all
Will whisper in our ears in the murmuring breeze
So, how an I say “ adieu to you my friend? “**

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Background notes :

‘Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory which no one can steal.’

I dedicate this poem in memory of a most wonderful, caring and kind family friend, Dr. Dutt . Dr Dutt suffered a major stroke in June 1993, the same year I sadly lost my husband. Dr. Dutt lived until 31st July, 2012 and coped with all his problems and challenges until the end.

At the request of my friend, Mamata, I agree to include the above poem on our website. Readers must not try to judge this by its poetic merit but treat this as a very personal one, this is, all I ask.