

# *We Celebrate Their Anniversary*

To the tune of "The Queen's Navee" from Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*  
(Originally written in July 1998 for Jessica and Michael's 40th anniversary, with some updates for 2018!)

When Michael was a lad he crossed the sea  
to teach at Washington University.  
Jessica was at Illinois in music ed,  
When under the Grand Central clock they met.  
(When under the Grand Central clock they met.)  
He courted her so carefully  
That now we celebrate their anniversary!  
CHORUS: He courted, etc.

She'd come to U of I from Rochest-ar,  
And she was courted in a big Jaguar.  
They were married in July of '58  
And began their life together in the Show-Me State.  
(And began their life together in the Show-Me State.)  
They found themselves a community  
With whom we celebrate their anniversary!  
CHORUS: They found, etc.

While Michael was a prof in Wash. U. Phys.,  
He travelled far and wide for the research biz.  
High-altitude balloons he did design  
To launch from garden spots like Palestine.  
(To launch from garden spots like Palestine.)  
He wrote many papers on cosmic rays,  
And now we celebrate their anniversa-ray!  
CHORUS: He wrote, etc.

So Jessica taught music at the School Conway  
'Til Rachel and David took her free time away.  
And the kids of the kids from the junior high  
Enrolled years later at preschool T.I.  
(Enrolled years later at preschool T.I.)  
A long-time member of NAEYC.  
We're proud to celebrate their anniversary!  
CHORUS: A long-time, etc.



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Now Michael studied solstice at Cahokia,  
While Jessica played harpsichord baroque-ia.  
Their dinner party guests went home well-fed  
From chicken, apple crisp, and home-made bread.  
*(From chicken, apple crisp, and home-made bread.)*  
Well-known for their gracious hospitality.  
We're glad to celebrate their anniversary!  
*CHORUS: Well-known, etc.*

They bought a Mac before it was the rave,  
But 'twas years before they got a microwave.  
Today, they use Skype and iPhones too,  
Texting phrases such as I♥U!  
*(Texting phrases such as I♥U!)*  
Adopting high technology.  
So let us celebrate their anniversary!  
*CHORUS: Adopting, etc.*

When grandkids came, they had such fun  
With Noah, Rafael, and Jonathan.  
Song, play, and school, they did enjoy  
When they came east to see the boys.  
*(When they came east to see the boys.)*  
With Sheryl, Neil, and progeny,  
Today we celebrate their anniversary!  
*CHORUS: With, etc.*

So here we are at Whittemore House,  
Marking six decades with each as spouse.  
Their life's been enriched due to everyone here,  
Who have helped them throughout the sixty years.  
*(Who have helped them throughout the sixty years.)*  
Together with friends and family,  
With joy, we celebrate their anniversary!  
*CHORUS: Together, etc.*

*Celebrating*  
**60**  
*Years*