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What Christmas was like when we were brand new.
Before we were walking and talking and such,
Our very first Christmas meant so very much.

I was there through it all, I saw each child arrive
And was happy to see, each one come alive.
We are part of the world, we make it all better.
We mark our name on it, each letter by letter.

I'm Kiki Kay Kringle, one of the daughters in laws
Of the Jolly Old Elf, the big man, Santa Claus.



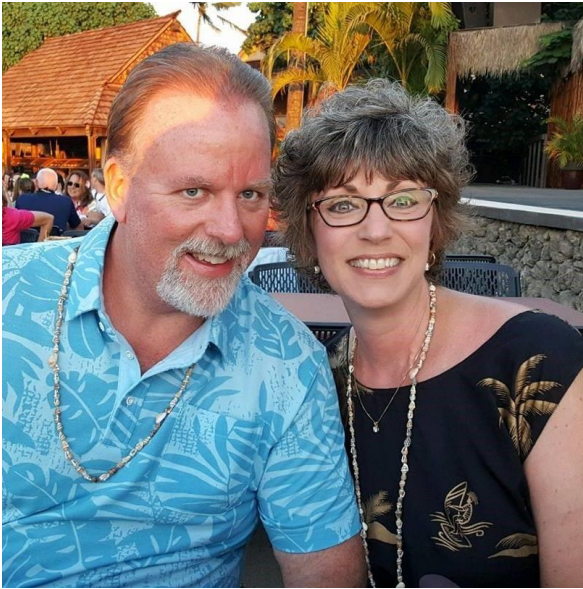
My job at the north pole is quite fun I must say,
I keep track of what happens as it happens each day.
I watch through my spyglass, I am a true busy body,
Whose data reveals all the nice and the naughty.



So, on your very first Christmas, whether sunny or snow
There was stuff going on, you might like to know.



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Cherie and some guy she was with on vacation.

Cherie was first and 65 was her time.

Her very first Christmas and church bells did chime.

The world it was rockin, but she may not have known.

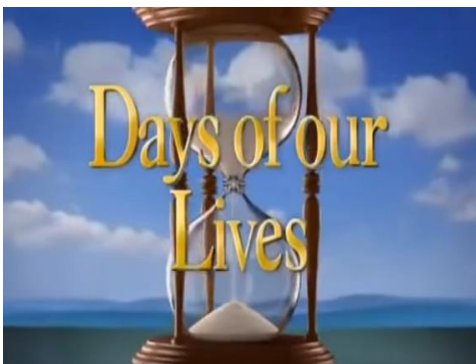
That there were Beatles and Turtles and Hermits and Stones.

While Gemini 6 and 7 were coming together in space.

Kenneth LeBel jumped seventeen barrels on skates.

Yes, all of this happened in nineteen sixty-five.

The year that premiered the show, Days of our Lives!



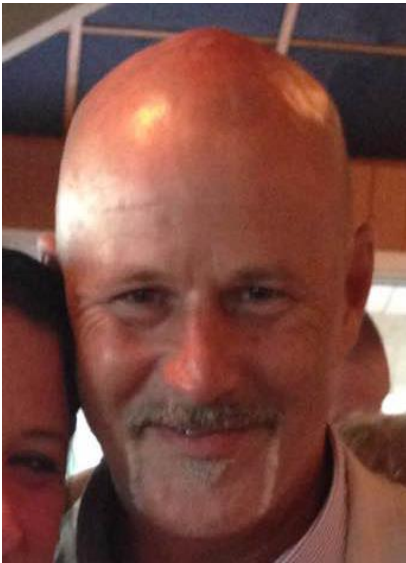


Lori and Scott still looking fine!

Some think it's the bestest, a year among years.
Paul McCartney died, replaced by Billy Shears.
And we even saw records regarding our weather.
25 degrees was the coldest Cleveland May ever.



NBC says yes to all color TV,
The NFL and AFL to a merger agree.
But the birthday of Scott and the birthday of Lori.
Were the biggest and best news, the 1966 story.



Tim, proud to be bald!!

Tim was born in 68, it was his first Christmas that year
And Hey Jude by the Beatles was the top song you might hear.
“Hair”, the musical, opened and they took off their clothes.
And 60 minutes broadcast the first of its news shows.



Please forget it's the birth year of that guy Pauly Shore,
Tim is much, much better, let's remember that more.



Ta Da!

1970 the year and Kelly was the birth.

Houston there's a problem, Apollo 13 told the earth.

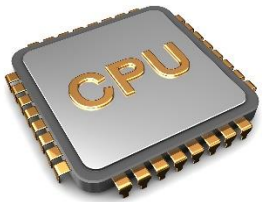
There was a chess tournament and a computer was the foe.

Men wore double breasted jackets with bell bottoms to the show.

Crocheted caps with ribbons were considered very fine.

And a new AMC Gremlin cost just eighteen seven nine.





Keeping the Colorado sun out of my eyes.

Disney World, it opened in nineteen seventy one,
We wore turtleneck paisley shirts having so much fun.
Today, we have Cheyenne and Alexis and her two young elves.
And sweepers that are so darn smart they can run all by themselves.
But it wouldn't have happened, no it could not have been done
If the microprocessor and Kris weren't born in 1971



Who's the bigger Bengal fan?

In Lacrosse, Maryland beat Navy for the title in 75.

Legend says Kevin picked up a stick as soon as he arrived.

Paul Brown led the Bengals to an 11 win, 3 loss mark.

Some wish he'd come back from the grave and give this team a spark.

Jimmy Hoffa went away, and Patty Hearst came back.

Disco was coming on so strong, Jive Talkin' a hit track.



Wait a minute where did he come from?

76 was the year that two were born, Erin and Amanda.

A big gift for kids that year was a bike they called the Panda.

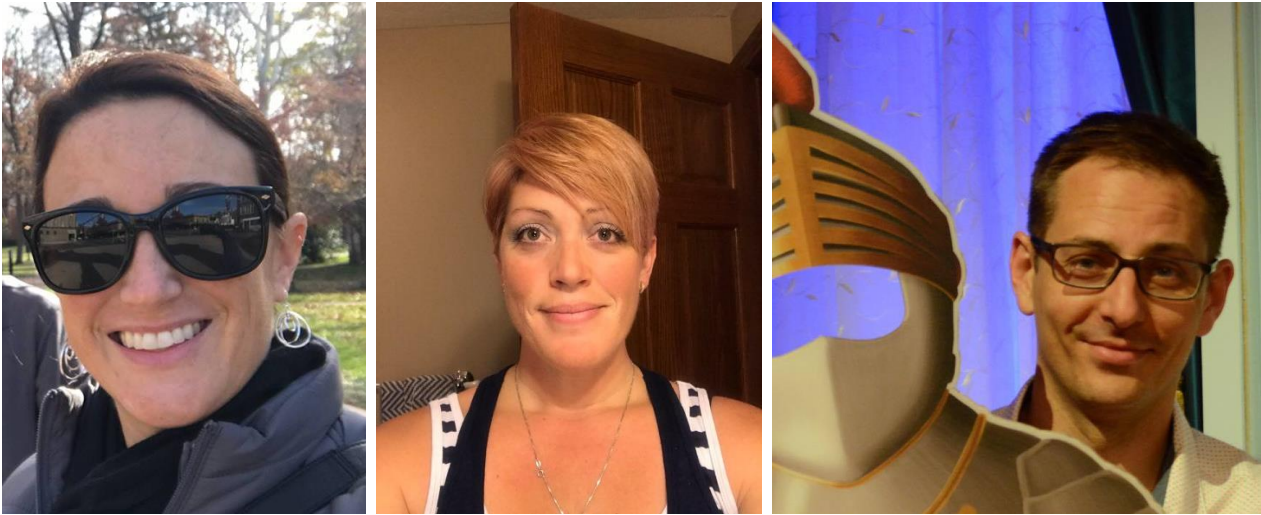
Rocky was a huge hit film released in late December.

A peanut farmer ran for President and he won, as I remember.



The first two-dollar bill was printed and handed out to use

But folks just yawned and said no thanks, we think we will refuse.



Still looking fine some @\$%&& years later.

In 77, three dropped in, Jewell, Steph and Charley, too.

A bikini cost nine dollars, and the Barbie Road Trip, seventy two.

New York City blacked out, the whole town for half a day.

Elvis Presley died, or did he? And Atari came to play.

The first personal computer went on sale, but it was hard to get.

The all in one Commodore came with monitor, keyboard and cassette.

And that glorious day that changed the world, May 25 that year.

The greatest movie of them all, Star Wars did appear.



Joe was born in 1978, and Teresa in 79.

In 78, Garfield first ate lasagna and thought it tasted fine.



The first cell phone was invented, we were not a big believer.
Cause we were dancing all night long to Saturday Night Fever.



In 79, the favorite family gift was the game, Trivial Pursuit.
The Sony Walkman was the next teen thing, it cost a lot of loot.
But as three-mile island, hostages in Iran, and a tsunami, stoked our fears,
The two new babies Joe and T made these pretty darn good years.



Smoooooooooth

It was 1987, when Simpsons made their world debut.
Michael Jackson was so Bad and U2, With or Without you.
We met Full House and the new toy Talking Alf for goodness sake,
And in Ohio, I swear it's true we had our own earthquake.

THE BLADE

TECHNOLOGY

In occasion, Ohio rocks

By JENNI LAIDMAN | BLADE SCIENCE WRITER

On a single day in July, 1987, Ashtabula County, just east of Lake
rumbled with nine small earthquakes, the largest a magnitude 3.8
There was no record of Ashtabula County ever being struck by an
earthquake before.

Or maybe it was everyone in the family, jumping up for joy.
In Atlanta there was a first big Christmas, for Matt, the baby boy.



Love the mohawk jacket.

Jackie's year was '89 and that doesn't seem that far back.

Then again that was the year we sang along to the Love Shack.

Nintendo made the Game Boy and he was Batman, Michael Keaton.

It was the warmest year on record, but since then it's oft been beaten.



And the boring Oscar movie, Driving Daisy lasted whiles,

The only thing that saved us, was Jackie's little smiles.



All grewed up.

92 was their first Christmas time, and what did these two see. You could buy a gallon of gasoline for about a dollar three. Bill Clinton became prez, there was Home Alone number 2. And Whitney Houston belted out, I Will Always Love You.



There was Sesame Street Basketball for baby b-ball jumpers. An all new Barbie Dreamhouse and the Nickelodeon Belly Bumpers. These could be bought in Minnesota at new world's largest mall. And Justin and Erica celebrate their first Christmas of them all.



Kentucky Girl?

It seems that Kaleigh's been cooking since in 95 she started.

They made the All-in-one Kitchen and 38 piece Tea Set Carted.



A loaf of bread cost a dollar two and some eggs just 87.

Yep, she didn't have a chance, cooking for Kaleigh would be heaven.



The Cat and the Backwards Hat?

Alexis and cousin Anthony made 96 the best of times.
Better than Wannabe by Spice Girls or One Way Ticket, Lee Ann Rimes.
Nintendo 64 was born and Chuck and Di, they called it quits.
And gas went to one two five nine, and everyone had fits.
Barbie's sister Stacy became a gymnast doll you see.
But the most popular gift of 96 was the Elmo Tickle Me.





Bird on a shoulder, bling on the wrist.

As we look at news from 97, Lauren and Angelo stay on top.
But there were tunes by Savage Garden, and Hanson sorta sang MMMmBop.
We read the opening Potter book that was entitled the Philosopher's Stone.
The Pathfinder lands on Mars and, Dolly was the world's first clone.
Tiger Woods won his first Masters and Bill Gates, had a richer year.
The Lion King came to Broadway, and Mike Tyson bit off someone's ear.



Jacket & Shades, Cool Girls

Renee and Paris knew from the start that it would be so great,
As Seinfeld was just ending, they'd be starting 98.

The Winter Olympics starred Tara Lapinski and her rival Michelle Kwan.



Barenaked Ladies sang One Week, and I'm your Angel, Celine Dion.

Rugrats made a movie and Felicity premiered in the fall.

Jelly shoes were oh so cool, and so was a one strap overall.



Hey World, you ain't seen nothin yet!!

And the very next year, Cheyenne was born in 1999.

Cheyenne said “Hey World, Here I am.”, I hope you’re doing fine.

Ricky Martin sang the tune “Live de Vida Loca”.

While Starbucks took to China its fancy coffee Mocha.

We watched Reeves star in the Matrix and still we’re quite confused.

A Talking Scooby and Happening Barbie still leave us much amused.





Stylin' cool do's

As the century turned a page and became two oh oh one.
The millenium would give us, Nick and Trevor, two new sons.
Wikipedia came on line, with stuff wrong right away.
And Shrek came to delight us, with many layers, like parfait.
Alicia Keys was "Fallin'", while Britney said "Men Don't Cry".
Lifhouse was just hanging on, while Crazy Town sang "Butterfly".

SMALLVILLE

Smallville premiered in 2001, so did the show The Tick.
But both have long since gone away, yet we still have Trevor and Nick.



Smiles that brighten any room

In 2002, Hannah and Annie first wiggled their toes.
The Bachelor gave his first rose, and McBeal came to a close.
And Kelly Clarkson won that Idol show and became a star.
The Odyssey finds some water on our neighbor planet Mars.
The U.S bobsled women won. a hundredth of a second in between.



SALT LAKE 2002



Peter Parker through a spider bite became an unlikely hero teen.
There were fires and volcanoes and Lincoln Park sang “In the End”,
And Hannah and Annie that Christmas time became our new best friends,



Coop and Kelse, who else?

Now Cooper and Kelsey both were born in the year two thousand three.

Christina sang "You're Beautiful" and Puddle of Mud sang, "She Hates Me".

And in trying to explain us, nerds found the key to our DNA

This Nokia phone was voted best of all, the best cell phone of the day.



And Apple changed the way we listen when it gave us their iTunes,

And we actually started tearing up, hoping they'd find Nemo very soon.



BMOC

Now Teage and Austin Patrick share the year 2004.

Their first Christmas year was different than many held before,

Google put their stock for sale and made nearly two billion,

As those Red Sox broke the curse that year, shocking many millions,

The Patriots won the Super Bowl beat the Panthers by a score.

And the Browns they were much better than, that year the Browns won four.

Some folks on TV were quite Lost and housewives very desperate,

The hot toys Bratz and Video Games were most often given separate.





We are the Champions, my friend!

Now Caitlin had her first Christmas in the year 2005.

The Hollaback Girl was rocking when Stefani sang it live.

Winter ice storms hit the east coast and all power goes bzzonka.

Charlie's Chocolate Factory is a bad take on Willie Wonka.

On Christmas, Da Bears beat the Pack, intercepting four Farve chances.

Trucker Hats were fashion hits, with Uggs and Cargo Pants's.





Future Ray's shortstop

The Red Sox lost the pennant to the upstart baseball Rays.

But 08 would not let losing, get in Andrew's way.

Things were happening everywhere, Obama won the big election

While the Large Hadron Collider formed a black hole for inspection.

The Real Housewives TV show premiered from New York and Atlanta

But let's not forget the kids that year got Wall-E toys from Santa.

And as a reminder, things are not as bad as they may seem.

The Red Sox would finally win again in two thousand and thirteen.





Pretty as a daisy, Sweet as can be

Peyton was born in 2009 and Frankie in 2010

They were both the cutest babies, and even cuter now than then.

Old folks still danced the twist, but Gangnam Style was the latest dance.



The top songs were Train's "Hey Soul Sister" and GaGa with her Bad Romance,

Tangled and Toy Story 3 were movies that we thought were fine.

Modern Family and the Middle, both premiered in two thousand nine,



Okay, we give up. Quit looking at us with those eyes.

In 2012, the first holiday for Violet and Case.

The Avengers hit the big screen, a blockbuster, a hit, first place.

Call Me Maybe became our anthem, the best toy was a new Furby.

And the Apple iPhone 5 was touted as the best phone we will ever see.

Snoop Dog became Snoop Lion and Phelps was hot at the Olympic games

The thing I'll most remember is the year that Violet and Case both came.





Sweet baby faces

Sophia was born in 15 and Caleb the next year,
They both had great first Christmas's, filled with love and filled with cheer.
Sophia's first holiday was the year that Uptown Funk came in the fall.
In Caleb's year a ticket was the winner of the 1.6 billion Powerball,
A pretty little zinnia became, the first veggie ever grown in space.
Hamilton won the Broadway prize, giving history a brand-new face.
The Cavaliers and Lebron bring a title for our Cleveland town.
And we are so much richer as Sophia and Caleb are around.





"Wow, what's that?" She asks.

We don't know what will be, when we see 2017 from afar.

Will Anistyn become the prez, will Leila be a surfing star?

Will the songs we hear today, become songs we sing around a fire

With our families those years from now, or will they wither and expire.

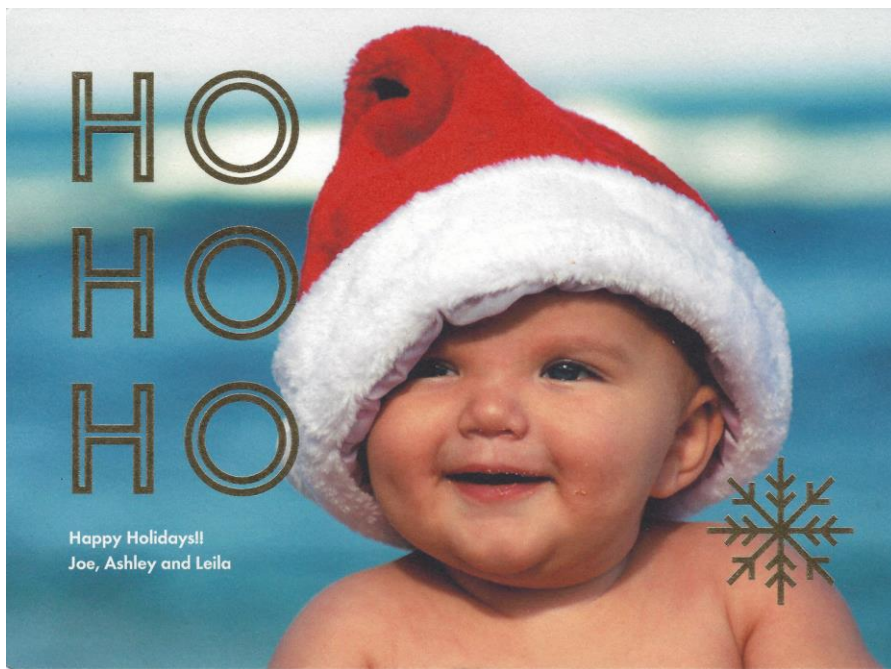
Will the shirts without the shoulders,
become like old time shoulder pads.

Will there be no stores to shop in, no
jobs for girls, no jobs for lads.

Will we still decorate for Christmas
with bows and lights and gingerbread.

Will we look back at all the wonder
that from these days we find ahead.





Happy from Hawaii

But all that doesn't matter, it doesn't matter what will be.
Cause in the moment we must make the most of this Christmas time you see.
Let's learn from Anistyn and Leila, the innocence of babies new.
Let's take a chance, let troubles go and start the day an all new you.
Let's taste a little something, we never had before.
Let's reach up a little higher and spend time down on the floor.
Let's hug, Let's laugh, Let's kiss, Let's smile, Let's cry, Let's love, Let's pray and then
With joy and peace let's give ourselves our own first Christmas once again.

