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HIGH SCHOOL

—By Carl Stanislaus

They may say pictures don't lie,
But we could never have been that young.
We couldn't have been that crazy,
Or sung those silly songs we sang.

We couldn't have eaten all that pizza
At our drive-in afternoon delight.
How could we have loved those awkward boys
And stayed out so late at night?

Remember the ones we voted most likely
To succeed at a chosen endeavor?
Most didn't turn out that way at all,
And we thought we were so clever!

Now poor little Sue has all the money;
Nancy sits on an executive board.
Farm boy Roy is a prominent lawyer,
And our smart Bob is in a mental ward.

Her big girl looks like Jim,
Who was her high-school preference.
Of course she married Larry Joe,
Who refuses to see the difference.

We thought that Ellen wasn't very bright—
Now she has a best-selling book.
Very proper Trudy became a hippie,
And handsome John became a crook!

Well, we didn't turn out so bad—
Doctors, writers, bankers, and dancers,
Mothers, builders, lawyers, detectives.
Thank you, teachers, for some of the answers!

Let's have another school reunion,
But let's don't wait so long,
Or we'll all be grandmas and grandpas
Who can't chew the steak or remember the songs.

"We're true to thee, our Alma Mater—or
Was it We're loyal to you our—
Oh little Johnny, don't pull Nana's dress..
I'm already late for my spa appointment! *

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