

## *Dear Lord I am 80*

Today, Dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done.  
I hope, Dear Lord, You'll let me live until I'm 81.  
But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,  
Would you please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?  
So many places I want to go, so very much to see,  
Do You think that You could manage to make it 83?  
The world is changing very fast, there is so much more in store,  
I'd like very much to live until I'm 84.  
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till 85.  
More planes will go up in the air, so I'd really like to stick,  
And see what happens to the world when I'm 86.  
I know, Dear Lord, it's much to ask,  
(and it is nice to be in Heaven),  
But I'd really like to stay awhile until I'm 87.  
I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late,  
But it would be so pleasant to be around until I'm 88.  
I would have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,  
So, I'm sure I'll be willing to leave when I'm 89 — maybe.  
Just one more thing I'd like to say, Dear Lord, I thank You kindly,  
But if it's okay with You I'd love to live past ninety...

