

Dear Friends, Colleagues, Family

Thank you all for joining me
At this luncheon, this festivity
(Also now for listening to my poetry)
For American Chemical Society
Multidecade membership
A multicourse meal, more than a sip
More than short stroll, a life-long trip
To speak of 50 years seems wrong
Both too short and too long
Too short, yes
My chemical life predates me in the ACS
Starting with an early science fair
Exhibit, and some judges who did care
And encouraged and educated, and so
To science fairs I yearly go
And to all level students at my college
I teach and mentor, share insights and knowledge
And yes,
Fifty years seems too long
My joy of research is strong
My joy of teaching is strong
As strong as when I got tenure
Both my university and I were of each other sure
All of this, a present, the present, and as years before
I have pride, performance, pleasure in my University
With my worldwide colleagues and students, yes
And being a member of the ACS

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