

THE TIE THAT BINDS

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The Courtship of Paul and Betty Titus

Our courtship resembles a jigsaw puzzle. One by one the pieces began to fall in place and on June 15, 1957 we completed the picture by finding the missing piece of marriage.

PUZZLE PIECE #1

There is no logical explanation why Betty and I should have ever met and married except for God's planning.

Betty was raised in the South. Her parents were Wesleyan in membership and since they were only 70 miles from Central Wesleyan Academy, that is where she attended high school and then junior college. During this time she dated numerous boys. Each one was "it" but nothing lasting came of those dating years. When she finished junior college in 1952 she spent a year at home because she didn't know what she wanted to do with her life. In the fall of 1953 she went to Marion College and in her words, "would have gotten right back in the car and gone home if her folks would have let her." Her roommate was Ruth Daugherty from Elwood, Indiana, the church Walt was pastoring at that time.

PUZZLE PIECE #2

I was living with Walt and Jean after graduating from Marion College in the Spring of 1953. Somehow I had escaped the clutches of Bea Beckman, Janet Todd, Janet Soultz, etc. and graduated single cum laude.

One week-end Ruth brought Betty home with her. During prayer at the morning service I slipped down and showed Betty a song and asked if she would sing with me. She was so flattered to think I would ask that she consented not knowing whether we could harmonize together or not.

Sometime during that year on one of her visits with Ruth, her parents came to visit and I met them. Later we were told that when Mom Pace

saw me she said to Dad Pace, "Now why can't Betty find a nice young man like Paul?" And she began to pray, unknown to us.

PUZZLE PIECE #3

Betty finished at Marion and moved to LaPorte, Ind. to teach school. I finished at Ball State and moved to Frankton to teach. We were now 120 miles apart. Each of us were dating someone else. Betty was attending the Wesleyan Church where Wilbur Wolf was pastoring. She had become dissatisfied with the fellow she was dating and was talking to Wilbur about it. He asked, "Is there anybody you are really interested in and would like to date?" She replied, "Well, there's a boy named Paul Titus that I've met." She had no idea that Wilbur even knew me and that I had at one time expressed an interest in Betty to him. Wilbur called me in a day or two and told me if I was ever going to do anything, to get up there. So, living 120 miles apart, we started dating occasionally. I remember the time when I finally made up my mind that I would get married. We had gone to a hockey game in Chicago with Mike and Ruth. The next day I said to Mike as I was ready to leave for home. "I don't know whether I'll see you again but if I come back, I'll probably end up marrying the girl."

PUZZLE PIECE #4

Grandpa Titus had always had a streak of prejudice and one was a suspicion of Scoulers. I had heard him say, "Don't marry a Southerner. You never know what's in the blood line." On June 15, 1957 he married us in a home ceremony at Dorothy and Frank's home in Fairmount. Betty finally won his heart when he first tasted her cornbread turkey dressing at a Thanksgiving dinner at Frank's. Since all three of our children turned out white, she has always been in his good graces.

Update on the children of Paul and Betty

Kevin is working for Sedgfield Industries, the chemical division of Burlington Textiles. He is a sales representative for the Southeast and travels a lot. He purchased a house in Klemersville (160 miles from us) and is looking for the right girl to share it with him.

Denise and her husband, **Mike**, live in Mooresville (120 miles from us). Mike works for a nuclear power-plant and is an avid golfer in his spare time. Denise works at a local department store as an assistant to the manager.

Bryan is still making progress after his accident 2 years ago. He decided not to go back to school this fall. It was more difficult than he thought it would be when he went back last year. He is looking for some part time work to see if he can do some kind of manual labor. He had another accident with his bike August 22 when he hit a chuck-hole as he was going about 25 miles an hour and was thrown to the pavement. He had his helmet on, but that did not protect him from breaking his collar bone. The three weeks it took that to heal seemed short compared to the other accident.

Reunion Dates

We need to finalize the dates for our 1990 Reunion. If you can attend the reunion only if it is on Fri., Sat., Sun., Aug. 3-5, we need to hear from you. Otherwise we will accomodate Ruth and Happy's families who are planning to attend. (Ruth and Dale's bookstore is only open on Thur., Friday, and Saturday and would have to be closed down if the reunion was on the weekend. Brian and Happy will be coming from a Grace Brethren church conference in West Virginia on Friday.) We could also make the reunion one day longer to fit in all of the good ideas that have been suggested. Send your comments to Ruth.

Tentative Days and Dates:

Option 1

Sunday, Aug. 5th - arrive after noon
Monday, Aug. 6th - all day
Tuesday, Aug. 7th - all day
Wed., Aug. 8 - leave after breakfast

Option 2

Friday, Aug. 3rd - arrive after noon
Saturday, Aug. 4th - all day
Sunday, Aug. 5th - leave after lunch

REUNION 1990

Here is a schedule of what we have planned for this next reunion. You won't want to miss it!

Afternoon, Day 1: Baby Photo Identification Board activity, Name Tags, begin videotaping each family as a unit. Tell names, ages, interests, occupation, and where you live in a 3-5 minute interview. Informal activities - visiting, games for all ages, volleyball, swimming.

Evening, Day 1: Dinner - Spaghetti, toss salad, Happy's homemade Italian bread, fresh fruit, watermelon. Start the tradition of singing the blessing at our meals. Discussion topic at the table - send suggestions to Ruth.

Get Acquainted Questioner - "Getting to Know You", Showing of last reunion on video. Snack - popcorn, cookies.

Morning, Day 2: Breakfast - variety of muffins, cereals, orange juice, grape juice. Discussion topic. Fun Run - all ages (see article).

Afternoon, Day 2: Lunch - Make your own pizza, veggies and dip, soda and birthday parties by the season with Rose's carrot cake and Barb's chocolate cake and banana cake, all with ice cream! Then free time - volleyball, swimming, games, naps, reading, visiting, etc.

Evening, Day 2: Dinner - Baked chicken, potato salad or baked potato with sour cream, Uncle Walt's cole slaw, Happy's buttermilk biscuits, Cranberry salad. Discussion topic for each table at dinner. (If we have a shorter reunion - Option 2, we would have the Talent Show on the 2nd evening instead of the following activities) Family Fued Game. Flash backs (see article). Snack - popcorn, raisins, peanuts, cashews, cookies.

Morning, Day 3: Breakfast - pancakes, sausage/bacon, juice. Discussion topic. Pretend it is Sunday (or on Option 2, it would be) - Hymn Sing and "Beat the Time Sermons" 3 minute messages by 3 speakers. Write Ruth to suggest speakers or to volunteer. Kids Choir.

Afternoon, Day 3: Lunch - open to suggestion. Discussion topic. Free time. Golf Tournament.

Evening, Day 3: Dinner - Open to suggestion. Discussion Topic. Talent Show. Snack - leftovers and popcorn.

Morning, Day 4: Breakfast - Omelettes, toast, juice. Pack up, say goodbye and leave.

Food and Meal Preparation

There will always be cereal, peanut butter, and raisins for hungry people between meals (and for picky eaters during meals).

We may assign each main family (original 7) a meal to be responsible for. Then if you need more help you can recruit from other families. Remember, the food for this will be paid for by the Reunion Fund! We would like each family to bring a batch of cookies or bars to the reunion to save preparation time once we are together to visit. These will be used for the evening snacks.

RACEY NEWS

Attention all runners and walkers! Now is the time to get in shape for the FIRST TITUS REUNION RUN!

Following are some of the races you may wish to participate in:

1. Kid's Race - you run your month age in yards.
2. 4 X 440 Relay-- each of the four relay team members must be formed from one of the seven main families. (example - one from Floyd's, one from Walt's, one from Lola's, and one from Dorothy's - Hey, come to think of it, that looks like a good team right there! Come on you four, get on your mark, get set, GO!)
3. Monogamy Run or Walk - each partner must finish at least 2 of the 6 lap course.
4. Mass Finish Mile - Your starting point is according to your best mile time.
5. Other Races - 440 yds, 880 yds, 1 mile.

We have Dave and Laurie Titus to thank for these creative ideas and the organization of this event at the reunion in 1990!

Housing for the Reunion

Everyone needs to be thinking about this. Barb Swanson thought it would be fun to have several big tents and all stay at Cindy and Darrell's. If you have campers, R.Y.'s, or tents, let us know and we will forward the information to the Underwoods who are heading up the housing committee. Remember there is no charge for this reunion thanks to Grandpa and Grandma Titus via the reunion fund.

Titus Reunion Fund

Balance on hand as of 12-31-88 was \$4,029.83. Interest income was \$107.78. We paid \$38.89 to Ruth Manion for Newsletter copying and postage. Balance on hand July 17, 1989 was \$4,098.72. A. Jane Titus

Reunion Album / Tape

Several have wondered if it would be possible to record a family tape with the group singing etc. What would it cost - Darrel? Any interest or ideas in this project - if so let Barb Swanson or Rose Titus know.

Flash Backs

Jane Titus attended her Mc Graw reunion this summer and got some good ideas. "We had skits called flash backs, re-enacting funny things that have happened in the family. For instance once when Donna and her young son were visiting my mom, mom was getting dinner and began to sing to the tune of Happy Birthday, 'macaroni and cheese' over and over again. She forgot there was anyone else around and got quite operatic in her song while her audience in the other room cracked up. Donna re-enacted this, playing the part of mom. It was hilarious!"

"Sunday morning we had our own service followed by communion. Then we had a special prayer time. I am the oldest child so I prayed for mom, my hands on her head, other sisters and brothers gathered around. Then Louise, next oldest, prayed for me, and my family, and so on for each that was there. This was a special time of sharing some burdens and believing God for victories."

BIRTHDAY PARTY - by Seasons of the Year

- each group or month (depending on size of group) will sit at one table
- everyone is encouraged to bring some kind of decoration for the table and/or cake
- each group will have their own birthday cake - Rose has already sent in her carrot cake recipe for the February or winter season cake - now if we can get her to make it
- each birthday group will work out a song, skit, game etc. for a short program at the party so bring your ideas
- Thanks Jane for sharing this great idea!

BIRTHDAY CAKES

If everyone comes to the reunion we will have over a hundred people - so we need lots of birthday cakes. Will you volunteer to make a cake for your month or season? Send us your favorite cake recipe and we will have supplies available. (You might want to bring your own pan if it requires something special.) Our biggest birthday month is August with 17 birthdays and July came in second with 12!

WHO'S THAT CUTE BABY?

Don't miss the fun! Send a baby picture of everyone in the family to Jane Titus. At the reunion we will have a baby identification game - but we need your help, so rush a baby picture with your name on the back to : Jane Titus, 8315 Rambler Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601

Recycled Cards

a second-hand idea from Rose

This idea isn't for the movers and shakers among us, but for the saver's and the keepers. (You know who you are!) Ever wonder what to do with those old greeting cards that tend to accumulate, but you can't bear to throw away? Those insulting cards from your siblings? The card with your nephew's pre-school handwriting? The one with the beautiful roses on the front? (I get lots of those.) Why not recycle them? It might seem a bit tacky to send someone a card with another's signature crossed out, and yours added, but if we all did it, it might be fun - and interesting to see the journeys your favorite cards might take. And it might inspire us to keep in touch. Besides, have you priced cards lately? Maybe we could all bring an accumulation of cards to the next reunion, to exchange and re-distribute. Or, if you like the idea, start now. How about it?

Another idea might be to have a tee-shirt exchange at the reunion. The younger set might like that. Bring a "Logo" tee-shirt to trade for one from some exotic place from which another relative lives or has visited. I'd love to bring one that says, "Seattle Seahawks 1990 Super Bowl Champs!" HA!

(editors note: Rose's birthday is Feb. 6th. She deserves a few old cards for this cute idea, don't you think?)

PHOTOS OF YOU

idea from Paul Woellhof

An idea occurred to me last night, but I don't know if it will work on a computer. It could be done on a copier and then added to the newsletter. It would be great if every family, couple, singles, etc. could send you a recent picture of themselves and you copied a number of them on paper and then added them to the newsletter each time it was sent out. Colored pictures will copy in black and white, but at least we would get to see who we are related to. Do you know that Marlene has been married 14 years and I have never seen her husband, nor even a picture of him? Think it over and see if it would work. (editor's note: I'll even try it, this issue)

TITUS COOKBOOK ANYONE?

Rose Titus thought it might be fun to put together a cookbook with recipes, family anecdotes, original sketches, etc. What do you think? Let us know! Thank you Rose, Jane, and Paul for sharing several excellent ideas in this newsletter. We appreciate hearing from you. Why don't the rest of you creative relatives let us know what you are thinking.!

Accomplishments

from Paul and Elinor Woellhof

(We told our kids to write. None.) What to write - what to write. Oh yes, I was Columbus' navigator on the Mayflower. Elinor was President Eisenhower's secretary. Ha! Ha! Perhaps one feels modest about what one has done.

I feel it was an accomplishment to persuade Elinor Titus to marry me. Elinor went to college for two years. She taught school one year. I have twenty one hours above my master's degree. I taught school for twenty-six years, fourteen of which was in special education. The freshman and sophomore years are the only years I haven't taught in grade school and high school.

We have three wonderful children that love the Lord. We have run a mission for thirty-eight years. Recently I have been appointed the pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Junction City, Kansas. It is a fairly large building, but needs building up in attendance.

NEWS FLASHES

Congratulations to the many graduates: **Scott Gregory** from Marion College, **Joe Titus** from Columbus H. S., **Marlene Bateman** - Master of Music and **Ron Bateman** - Master of Architecture - University of Texas, Austin.

Ron Bateman received several awards upon graduating: Silver Medal from American Institute of Architecture - this is the highest medal given a student, Book Award - a scholarship to increase his library, and 1st of Show (for his computer drawings) from the American Institute of Architecture - a competition for students, faculty, and Austin Architects. (editors note: now all he needs is a job.)

In May, **Marlene Bateman** gave her Master recital (in Music). It was attended by Floyd and Olive Titus and many friends. She did a wonderful job. We wish we could have been there to listen and lend our support.

On August 22, 1989 **Steffaine Lynn Powell** was born to **Darrell and Cindy**. She weighed 7 lbs. and was about 19" long. Grandma Dorothy says she is chubby and has lots of hair.

In June the **Dale Manion** family spent 10 days in Alaska with the Chronisters. While there we had lots of fun - eating good food, running in races (track meets and a * 5 mile mountain race), playing with babies, shopping, making crafts, reading, watching videos, playing games on the computer, eating popcorn, climbing Flat Top Mt and in general, having too much fun! *Dale won a medal for 1st place in his age division in the Arctic Valley Race while in Anchorage.

Marcia Underwood is now working for Studio "D" - Cindy and Darrell's studio. They are so busy Dorothy gets to help too!

Bryan Titus took a trip to New York.

July 4th found the **Manions**, **John Titus** and **David Titus** families at another race. Medals were received by the following runners of the two mile race: **Jamie Titus** - 1st place in his

division and 2nd over - all in the race. **Dave Titus** - 2nd in his age division, **Dale Manion** - 3rd in his age division, **Laurie Titus** - 1st in her age division. **John Titus** was very involved in the running and organizing of this Columbus Firecracker Race. He did a super job!

Earlier this year **Kent Underwood** began working at Radio Shack in Cincinnati, OH. He started teaching music at a middle school this fall. He is also employed as the song leader and choir director at Fairfield Wesleyan Church.

Dorothy Underwood reports that the volleyball court and the pool are ready for the 1990 Reunion! Yeah!

Josh Manion is now being tutored by Peter Webster, a master chess player- 1984's Wis. State Champion. He predicts Josh will be one of the top 50 players in the state. Time will tell. Josh won his division at the University of WI open during their Labor Day Tournament. Josh would be happy to play anyone at the next reunion or maybe someone would like to play by mail? Just write the chess shark!

Speaking of sharks, several years ago Josh named his **Grandma Olive Titus**, the "Scrabble Shark". She has lived up to her name. For Christmas the Chronister's gave her a computer Scrabble game with 8 levels. After less than a year she can beat the computer with regularity at the highest level. So you know what she will want to play at the reunion!

Missy Manion spent the month of June in Alaska with the Chronister Family. Her last week there was spent hiking the 40 mile Resurrection Trail with a church youth group. Her grandparents hiked this same trail many years ago. Missy turned 16 in July and now has her driver's license and what a good driver she is!

Floyd and Olive Titus took an 88 day leave from Alaska from Ap.29 - July 25. They visited Texas, Indiana, and WI. While in WI they were surprised with a 50th wedding anniversary quilt with a block designed by each member of the family on one side and a family tree on the other. **Elaine Titus** organized this surprise.

Jean Titus had cataract surgery on both eyes and has recovered nicely. **Walt and Jean** had a wonderful trip to the Northeast - Mass., Washington D.C., Maine, and New Hamp. They spend one day a week with the twins who are now really moving around.

Jim Titus is now working at a hospital in the psych. ward and plans to go back to school for LPN and eventually an RN degree.

Steve Fletcher is really doing great. He is even playing some basketball. **Steve and Patsy's church** and **Walt and Jean's church** are doing a Wednesday evening program for children, youth and adults. A new road was cut through that makes the two churches only 3 1/2 miles apart.

Gina Gregory worked this past summer at Telemark grooming and saddling horses as well as leading trail rides.

Nancy Titus and Harold Fisher were married in June. Harold is taking a leave of absence from pastoring for a year. They live in Nancy's apartment in Clearwater.

Wesley Woellhof had major surgery in June. They took 6"-8" of his intestines and took out his gall bladder. He is doing great.

Brian and Happy Chronister planted a new Grace Brethren Church in Anchorage, Alaska. The new church began on August 27th and outgrew the room they leased in the first 10 minutes. The children had to be released early so that the adults could be seated. Average attendance in September was 190. They praise God for the problems they have faced over not having enough space or chairs. Floyd and Olive Titus have been a great help with the babies during this busy time in Brian and Happy's life.

Marlene and Ron Bateman plan to spend 8 days in Alaska job hunting during November. They will get to spend Thanksgiving at the Chronisters. If they can't find work there, they may have to resort to living somewhere yukky.

Pat Titus recently accepted a new position as a Research Assistant in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Iowa Hospital.

Katie Swanson attended summer school in Janesville and studied theatre, art, recess, gym and outdoor lab. With what she learned her family could now successfully live in the woods on carrots, berries, and wild plants due to Katie's knowledge of wild plants. She is currently taking baton lessons.

Rich and Elaine Titus are beginning to wind down from their busy summer at the club. They hope to take a trip to California after Christmas.

Dan and Jody Titus will be vacationing in Hawaii in February thanks to Dan's hard work. He won the trip in a sales contest last May! Good job, Dan!

Trivia Question: What young married woman in our family has her first, second, and last name ending with a "y"?

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SING A SONG

Last newsletter Happy asked about a song that the kids might sing at the next reunion. Rose Titus submitted the God Came To Be A Man. "I wrote this song several years ago when I was 'directing' a children's choir. This was written as a Christmas song, but it's not terribly seasonal.. I've never aspired to be a great song - writer, but if you've ever tried to find good, meaningful Christmas songs for children, you know it can be frustrating. Anyway, here is my contribution, which you may or may not choose to use." Words and music are attached for those of us who might like to use something new in our churches this Christmas.

Recipe for Betty Titus' Father-in-Law-Pleasing Cornbread Dressing

This is one of those recipes that Betty makes by dumping everything in. Sorry that we have no amounts, but use these ingredients and just put a sample in an envelope and send it to Betty and she could probably tell you what you need more or less of.

Cornbread - baked and crumbled

Bread - any other kind to make dressing sticky

Lots of Onions and Celery, Poultry Seasoning to taste, and Chicken or Turkey Broth to moisten

The Kid finds chess mate in The Master

article from The Janesville Gazette, Mon. May 22, 1989

by John Halverson

Twelve year-old Josh Manion of Janesville has tried so hard to find a chess partner that he put slips of paper in chess books at the library.

"Want to play chess?" they read. "Call 756-0808."

This weekend, Josh found someone—Peter Webster, former state champion and a "master" at the game, meaning he ranks in the top 1 percent of the nation's chess players. Peter was playing 20 people at a time during a two-day exhibition at the Janesville Mall.

Amazingly, Josh—who has been playing the game seriously for only about four months—had two draws from The Master.

A draw is a tie in chess, but when you're playing a master, and you're a kid who has been playing seriously for only four months, a tie is a lot better than kissing your sister.

The Master drew only two other games and lost only one. He won 166.

The comparisons between The Master and The Kid are irresistible.

Peter, 46, started playing when he was 13.

"My mother found a chess set while clearing out grandfather's home," he recalled. "I only wished we had found it earlier."

Peter learned the game from the Encyclopedia Britannica; Josh studies chess books for "hours a day," his mother says.

But The Master seems to take it all in stride

"It's the agony of 'da-feet,'" he said when asked what hurt most after playing chess standing up for five hours.

While The Kid seems deadly serious.

"What's the attraction of chess?" he was asked.

"There's no chance involved."

"Do you think you'll win?" he was asked before the game.

"No," The Kid said—but he wasn't smiling.

As the competition began, Peter—a hulking, friendly man who runs the Whitewater distribution office of the Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel—moved from chessboard to chessboard, hovering over each a second or two before

making quick, stabbing moves that looked as though he were putting a stiletto through your heart.

I know how it feels; he put the stiletto through my heart manytimes in the course of my two losses to him.

I could tell Josh had a leg up on most of the rest of us—he kept most of his own pieces. And Josh recorded each move on a spiral bound notebook while the rest of us quietly were berating ourselves for our most recent blunder.

And while other players came and went—shaking their heads over how quickly they were dispatched—The Kid remained. His mother brought him lunch and a glass of water and Josh contemplated moves between bites of his sandwich.

Meanwhile, The Master quietly moved from board to board, only occasionally breaking the silence of chess pieces moving.

"That's what I like—greed," he said as I took his pawn. Hey, I wanted to take *something*.

And The Master gently chastised someone he had beaten five times in two hours.

"Just think 'why did I make that move?'" he said.

But with Josh, The Master said nothing, at least while I was there.

And, with Josh, The Kid, The Master often took 10 or 20 seconds between moves—something unheard of with the others.

When I contacted him this morning, Josh was still serious.

He seemed less thrilled about his two draws than what could have been.

"I could have beaten him once, but I blundered in the end game," Josh said with regret you could feel over the telephone.

Hey Josh, relax. Ten years from now, maybe The Kid will be The Master.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

(an article from the WISCONSIN WESLEYAN, Sept. 1989)

Rev. Floyd and Olive Titus were honored by the Wisconsin District at the Sunday afternoon camp service. A plaque was presented to them along with a special love offering of over \$500.

They pioneered our first cohurch in Madison in the '50's. Coming to Madison without financial support, they lived in a tent until a basement was finished for them to live in. This church grew to average nearly 150 in attendance. The Clarence Titus family also assisted in thei work. From Madison the Floyd Tituses went to serve the Anchorage, Alaska church were again their ministry was fruitful. Floyd has been very limited physically for some time. it was a privilege to have them present for part of the camp. They presently live in Anchorage, Alaska.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Kathy Kay Gregory



• Arctic Skunk

→ Arctic Skunk



← For Uncle Paul, who has
never seen a picture of
Ron Bateman, well, here
he is!



Mar & Ron Bateman *



Brentwood's summer
of 1987



1973



* Linda Foye's middle son, Christopher, in June, you need to find a

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• Survey: Mail to Ruth Manion, 1403 N. Lexington, Janesville, WI 53545

1. Would you like to make the name tags for the reunion?
2. Do you have a suggestion for a discussion topic for meal time?
3. Do you have a lunch or dinner suggestion for day 3?
4. Which Option do you like best for the 1990 Reunion?
Option 1 --Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., August 5 - 8.
Option 12-- Fri., Sat., Sun., August 3-5
5. Are you interested in participating in a golf tournament if there is a Golf Course nearby?
Will you organize it?
6. Who will organize activities (games, simple crafts etc.) for the kids?
7. Who will type up the birthday list by months?
8. Will you bake a birthday cake? What kind?
9. What was your favorite memory from the 1986 Reunion?
10. Do you have a favorite hymn for our hymn sing?
11. Would you like to give a 3 minute mini sermon?

- GOD CAME TO BE A MAN -

Words and music by Rose Titus

The musical score consists of four staves of handwritten notation. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a 'G 4' key signature, and a common time signature. It contains lyrics: "God told us that He loved the world and that He had a plan". The second staff begins with a bass clef, a 'G: 4' key signature, and a common time signature. It contains lyrics: "To send His only Son to earth to be a living man". The third staff is labeled 'Chorus' and starts with a treble clef, a 'G: 4' key signature, and a common time signature. It contains lyrics: "But how would such a loving God... come to be a man?". The fourth staff continues the chorus with the same notation and lyrics.

Would He be old and wrinkled
with a long, white flowing beard
And have an angry-sounding voice
That everybody feared.

Is that how such a loving God
would come to be a man?
NO, That's not how a loving God
would come to be a man.

Would He be kind of pale and ghostly,
Thin and tired and weak,
And say some sad and senseless words
Each time he tried to speak.

Is that how such a loving God
would come to be a man?
NO, That's not how a loving God
would come to be a

Would He just talk to grown-ups
by appointment through the day,
And think that children are
A nuisance, always in the way.

Is that how such a loving God
Would come to be a man?
No, that's not how a loving God
would come to be a man.

He'd be a baby in a manger
Then a growing boy
And learn the things that children
Know, of life and love and joy.

And that's how such a loving God
has come to be a man
And that's how such a loving God
has come to be a man.