**DIAMOND GEEZERS**

High amongst the tree tops, neatly hid from view,

A lively pair of Love Birds bill and coo.

Perching in the mezzanine, with their morning brew,

They are a special couple, through and through.

Sixty years have sauntered by since they tied the knot;

Keith and Ann are paired like bread and jam.

Or, Ann and Keith like sword and sheath, I kid you not,

Joined together like a rock-pool clam.

What fills Ann with springlike joys?

And what is Keith’s idea of heaven?

For Ann it’s simply thoughts of “My two boys”

For Keith – a working lunch with Aneurin Bevan.

The Welsh leave Wales, but Wales stays steadfast in the blood;

And when the oval ball comes to the park,

It’s Calon lan and sospan fach, while rolling in the mud;

And Land of my Fathers’ sung ‘til it gets dark.

Keith asks: “What comes after Diamond in this party list?”

“We had the Queen “says Ann “to thank for this.”

“If it’s all the same, a different King won’t come amiss” –

King Arthur, [round the table], Scargill” was his wish.

Though Keith has golf and wooden shed packed with wooden toys

And Ann has kitchen stacked with culinary joys,

“Better far the rule”, says Ann,” of kith and kin –

The pull of family will always win.

Our Andrew, Mark, Elliot and Olivia,

Jessica, Roger, Emma and Brooklyn,

Adelaide; and not forgetting our late “sister”, Sylvia.

My cup is still half full – let’s have a party – come on in!

[ Oh, better, first, check with Jessica, before I begin.]”

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But, best of all the bond of family and “our two boys”

So, let’s put off all thoughts of Twenty Thirty-three.

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