



Ode to Fr Jim

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presented in full voice
to Rev Canon James Roberts
on the occasion of his retirement

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Who are we all gathered here for?
Why are faces sad and grim?
After such a short time we must
Say farewell to Father Jim.

Thank you for your sense of humour
And your caring, listening ear,
And be sure it is no rumour
All have come to hold you dear.

Who'll forget those teaching moments
As the children gathered round?
And the way your witty comments
Made such laughter here abound!

We shall miss your cheerful saunter
Twirling cords that made us smile,
As the weeks passed we grew fonder
Grateful you were here awhile.

Saying farewell is distressing,
But you'll always be our friend,
Health and strength and every blessing
May God bring for years on end!



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