

A Grand Lady

Verse 1

She started out in Ullswater in 1925
At the farmhouse on the DeeBank Road
The eldest of nine, there were some hard times
Where working dawn to dusk was the code

After highschool in Uxbridge Norma found her mate
And Clayton, her husband, found his
Seven children later and 65 descendents
If that's not a legacy, I don't know what is

CHORUS:

"Grand", is a word she would often use
It was always said with reverence
Little did she know, she described herself
A "Grand Lady" through and through

Verse 2

Like her mother before, she decided to teach
In '44 at 18 years old
From a single room with 40 kids
To the big school in Gravenhurst
She loved every one I've been told

After 40 years of math
And lots and lots and lots of reading
She decided to take a permanent vacation
As for what she did next well it's hard to explain
Because nothing rhymes with superannuation
(let alone the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women
Teachers)

CHORUS

Bridge #1:

If you are ever feeling down, talk to Norma
You'll come away with a different point of view
She would never say a bad word about anyone
And on your birthday, a card would come to you

CHORUS

Verse 3:

As Norma moved along, one thing never changed
Playing music was always appealing
She would play the chords or even take the lead
Like the solo of "Peaceful Easy Feeling"

As a member of "Country Folk" she loved the key of E
But it didn't matter what she played
Squares and waltzes or "Shamus O'Brien"
Her joy was always on display

CHORUS

Bridge #2:

There are many memories of Norma
Whether it's sayings like "Gee Whiz" and "Land Sakes"
Or her walls with decades worth of pictures
Seeing the loss of one's hair can be hard to take

CHORUS x2