

## Welcome to a Work in Progress April, 2008

As will be obvious to any seasoned web browser and explorer, this site is a work in progress. So are the lives behind it, my own in thought and substance and my grandson Christopher's in form, two generations and more, however different, bound by gifts God has given, needing to be expressed.

Who knows in time what the net effect of it will be? What matters is an inner urge to participate and share, whatever one's age, in the whole new world now opened to each of us by the Internet.



Lining the walls of my study are volumes and artifacts that both tell my story and invite me to explore it further. An old wall clock that needs daily winding beside a sketch of me from a neighbor girl when I was a boy, itself beside an art piece of trees in autumn, framed by my oldest daughter Judy with her hand-scribed text of a song written by her husband Bob Stromberg based on Psalm 131:

*My heart has no lofty ambitions  
I do not look too high  
and I'm not concerned with great affairs  
or marvels beyond my own eyes.  
It is enough for me to keep my soul quiet;  
like a child in a mother's arms.*

*Look high, the birds in the sky  
They do not sow nor reap.  
Yet the heavenly Father cares for them  
He does not rest, He does not sleep  
And will He too not care for you  
Like a child in a mother's arms?*

*So do not pile treasures up on earth,  
what are they for?  
Far better for a man to know his heart  
is clean though he is poor.  
Or is enough for you to keep your soul quiet;  
like a child in a mother's arms.*

*So be glad then –  
Be exceedingly glad,  
for great is your reward in heaven.*

A work in progress this, like my life and yours, suspended as long as we have breath between generations before us going back to father Abraham and forward to the end of time, where the Father of all awaits his own. Day by day, increasingly it seems, I want to grow from the only roots that can ultimately sustain me. I also want passionately to move forward under the wings those roots supply.

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