

## **SHE WAS A CLASSMATE OF MINE**

I must admit I have learned a lesson today  
Facebooking, Tweeting and texting what may  
I was stopped in my tracks as another day in my life was fine  
Alice McCain was dead, she was a classmate of mine

Dennis, Jim and Ellen had shared her fate  
Sounded horrible I must say, I could not relate  
Never a word in High School had I uttered to her  
But Dennis, Jim and Ellen had a friend for sure

They shared on our web site her courage and strength  
They shared her challenges that were not for the faint  
How many did we have in our class, 600 and more?  
All these years hence, all the 600 plus have a bio and a lore

But at the time we all had no idea that we had no idea life would end  
That death was a part of the 600 plus back then  
Alice and I never exchanged a word in class or in the hall  
We did not know each other existed, not even at all.

And now Alice is gone, like you and I will be in time  
And now the 600 plus from the UA class of sixty-nine...  
Must be content to remember Alice in his or her own way  
Damn! Alice and I never exchanged a word much to my dismay

So to my living classmates of class of '69 fame  
I pay a tribute to one of our 600 plus, Alice McCain  
Dennis, Jim and Ellen have eulogized her as a friend true  
I just selfishly wish a 16 year-old I knew would have had a clue.

High School was easy or hard I guess they say  
According to my wife, a college counselor, High School just may...  
Be a growing experience where one defines self  
To me it was just a party and nothing else

Now that we are all hitting 60, has it really been that long?  
Except for Alice and the others that we know are forever gone  
Now I wish I would have taken it as a more serious time  
And had made more of the 600 plus and especially Alice...a friend of mine.

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