

What's in a name?

Who put the "carol" in Carolyn?

On Easter Sunday 1945 with the war coming to an end, my heavily pregnant mother was walking down the country lane to early service at Holy Cross Church, not our Holy Cross but the one at Binstead on the Isle of Wight. She was enjoying the quiet of the dawn and heard the birds carolling and at that point decided that the child she was carrying, if a girl, would be called Carolyn.

Those were the days when there was no way of finding out the sex of an unborn baby, and up to then I was to be a boy called Charles, but of course Carolyn is a feminine variation of that name.

CAROLYN BENNISON

Do you know why you were given your name? We would love to hear from you.

Magna committee

I Love to Live

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80 and there is so much I have not done.
I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do
Will you please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see,
Do you think you could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store
And I'd like it very much to live 'til I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive I'd like to stay 'til 85!

By then who knows what happens next, so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I turn 86.

I know, dear Lord, its much to ask (and it must be nice in Heaven)
But I'd really like to stay until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88!

I will have seen so many things, and had a lovely time.
So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89.

Just one more thing I'd like to say dear Lord,
I thank you very kindly
But if it's okay with you, I'd love to live past 90!

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