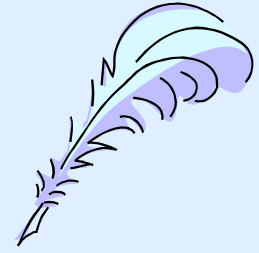


# 40th Anniversary Poem



*To Mom and Dad congrats we say  
On this your anniversary day*

*Forty years of daily bliss  
Since your vows and wedding kiss*

*Both of you are Woburn bred  
All your lives in town you've led*

*How this romance so began  
Is credited to Uncle Dan*

*A young RN at Grandpa's side  
Such a pretty nurse Dad eyed*

*"Ask her out" his brother said  
Before she dates someone instead*

*"Wanna go out tomorrow night?"  
"We can take in a movie or go catch a bite"*

*Mary Ellen looked away  
"I have plans" she did say*

*Silence reigned for just a few  
Then she smiled, "I have plans with you!"*

*Much has happened through the years  
Lots of happiness and cheers*

*Soon you had the three of us  
Daughters over whom you fuss*

*Jody, Kim and Becky too  
Blessed are we with parents like you*

*Dad would coach our softball teams  
And Mom would stitch our dress inseams*

*You guys have lifelong friends you've made  
Friendships that will never fade*

*Like Friday night group supper club  
Which has become your social hub*

*Movies, Foxwoods, Boston sports  
You like to travel to resorts*

*Your marriage is a great success  
No secrets do you two possess*

*Soon forty years did come and go  
And now you've got grand kids in tow*

*Derek, Luke and Kiley too  
Each of whom do so love you*

*So on your anniversary day  
The three of us just want to say*

*To have such parents is a plus  
Each of you a part of us*

*Forty years we can't ignore  
And wish for you, forty more!*

*A poem contracted by three sisters for their parent's 40th wedding anniversary*