A SONG WRITTEN FOR MAURICE

Hand in Hand Forever

Retirement



At chicken and champagne night, we met
More than fifty-four years led us here
You made me laugh, I won't forget
Your kindness makes each day feel clear
You work so hard and give your best
Your selfless heart brings me such rest

> *Maurice, my best friend through joy and tears*
> *We'll welcome many more wedded years*
> *You're my confidant, my partner*
> *Hand in hand, we'll go much farther*

Our two sons arrived, our world grew wide
Each new beginning by our side
Our fiftieth wedding anniversary shone
A golden promise we have known
Then Buddy left after fourteen-plus years
His pawprints lingered through our tears
Retirement opens up the door
For quiet joys still held in store

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May retirement give us time to see
More little joys for you and me
We'll keep on finding reasons to smile
And walk together mile by mile

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Still hand in hand beneath the sky
With laughter close as days go by

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