

Ages and Stagers

Happy Returns

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What's Jill's challenge this time?
No anniversary to celebrate
No spoken words to guide us.

Oh! birthday cards
What is this about,
Stir up the memory cells
Remember birthdays past.
Traffic and road signs.
Will an audience get the message
Young and old it will be.
Can we squeeze out a response!

From her notes and jottings
Jill has conjured up a script.
Hello Matt come and join
This motley crew.
On the sidelines sits Mim scribbling
And on hand to help Steve
Michelle (is she putting on weight?)
Venues have to be sorted
Wardrobe and props to obtain.
But something's not right
Adjustments have to be made.

It's a party remember
Who knows who at this do?
Imagine who is connected,
To make the greetings fit the plot,
Set the mood with music
And give it all you've got

Now it's getting serious
Rehearsals proper have begun.
A new member joins the company,

Naomi is here to join in the fun.

We are trying out our actions
Up the hill at Keele Hall.
Just to test our reactions.
Hope we don't hit a wall.

Friends of ours call by,
Frances, Barbara and Pam.
They support and give encouragement.
You see! Jill did have a plan.

This is it the tour begins.
Joining in the preparations
Is part of what we do.
Now to see it through

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Tim calls! One minute
Everything in position
The party scene is set
The audience anticipating
Wondering what they will get.
Each venue was a challenge
Setting out the props,
Sussing out the audience.
Just make sure we don't stop.

What a range of ages
From the young to the old,
They expressed their opinions
Some were quite bold.

Did we achieve our target?
We'll let others decide on that.
Now it has ended
We will be resting
Waiting for the call.

THANKS Jill
That was Brill!