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The Long and Winding Road

Sunday, February 21, 2016

I'm always amazed at Spark connections. Today it was Spark-Guy's Ultimate Challenge blog that blended perfectly with my deep thoughts this week.

Thank you, sparkers, for the kind words on my blogs about DH & me.

Here we are in the beginning - Joe and Me in '63!
Not an exotic location, just Rockaway Beach in NYC.



Spark Guy's blog included this graphic

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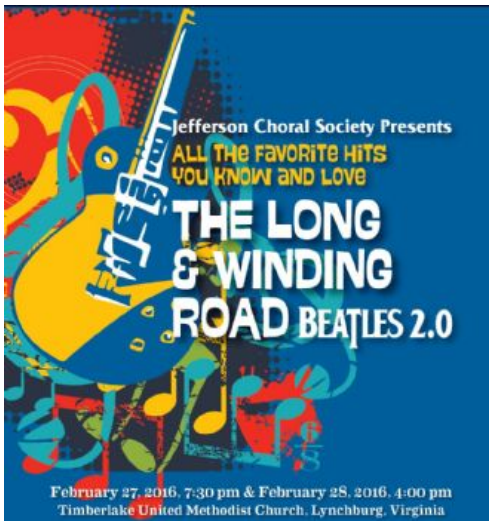
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When you start doubting yourself, remember how far you have come. Remember everything you have faced, all the battles you have won and all the fears you have overcome.

I read the caption just after I scanned the flyer below to send out to friends.



Jefferson Choral Society Presents

ALL THE FAVORITE HITS
YOU KNOW AND LOVE

THE LONG
& WINDING
ROAD BEATLES 2.0

February 27, 2016, 7:30 pm & February 28, 2016, 4:00 pm
Timberlake United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia

Spark friends know that I have 2 main activities.

I run and I sing - sometimes both at the same time (softly to myself).

We had a 4 hour rehearsal yesterday to make up for snow cancellations.

Beatles music is part of the soundtrack of my life.

This morning these words were echoing in my head.

"Many times I've been alone and many times I've cried
Anyway you'll never know the many ways I've tried"
(from The Long and Winding Road)

Sounds a lot like our experience on many of life's journeys and our Spark journey in particular.

More lyrics from the song.

"Oh the long and winding road that leads to your door
Will never disappear. I've seen that road before.
It always leads me here. Lead me to your door"

So here I am every single morning.

On the road, on the journey, which is always easier with friends.

My best friend (the Stealth Sparker) and I, still on the road 53 years later.



Edit:

In another song from our concert we sing:

"When I get older, losing my hair, many years from now"

Funny to sing that now that SIXTY-FOUR isn't many years from now but a landmark we passed a while back on the long and winding road.

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MARYJEANSL

You both look fantastic! In many ways, the wisdom that comes with growing older makes for a greater, deeper beauty than the more obvious beauty of youth.

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POLSKARENIA

Great blog and pics.
Keep on following that road together!

1933 days ago



CHAYOR73

You're such a cute couple from the beginning to the present, may there be many many more

years for the two of you!!
1934 days ago



ONEKIDSMOM

Amazing how time flies, isn't it? For me, sixty-four happens later this year, but Long and

Winding road is always there!
1935 days ago




BBEAGAN

What a lovely blog, and beautiful photos!
1935 days ago



ANGIEN9

 to be growing older with your best friend. So happy for you and your DH. The photo in 1963 is wonderful as is the recent one. You are a very beautiful couple. Congratulations on sparking together!!

Have a great week!

Angie
1935 days ago





HARROWJET



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CD12068097

So nice.. thanks for sharing, loved the pic's... and the music
1935 days ago



MTN_KITTEN



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SYLPHINPROGRESS

Rockaway isn't exotic in and of itself, but you two made it special. How beautiful a pair you were. You're still a gorgeous-looking team.
1935 days ago



DOVESEYES

So great to read your blog this morning thanks so much and congrats!!
1935 days ago



GINIEMIE

Love that picture of you and your DH. The songs bring to mind my DH's singing and playing his Beatles everywhere we went. I think he had every 33 album that they ever released. I'm glad

you made it to 64-bless you both.



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DEE797

Love the photos and the blog!! Thanks for sharing it with us.
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PHOENIX1949

What a beautiful blog, major smiles here.
1935 days ago



DR1939

Love the photos.
1935 days ago



MEADSBAY

I was going to say you two looked like movie stars in that pic from 63 but I see that you still do!!!

My dear man and I met in 1967 when he was a senior in HS, married the next year and are still having so much fun almost 50 years later.



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DSJB9999

Still a very handsome couple. I love music too. X



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1CRAZYDOG

Awesome! You both look happy after 53 yrs! That's spectacular.
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IAMSUNNYHOWARD



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SUBMOM2

Great photos and a sweet post. The Beatles are timeless.
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MJZHERE

Thank you for sharing your pictures. Really enjoyed this blog. Listened to the song after reading it - love these songs from my youth.
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CD14476702

What a nice testimony of a love filled relationship and inspiration to us all to stay active.....
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CD13396003

Great blog and you two make such a lovely couple!
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PHEBESS

Love this! You two are adorable! The Beatles are definitely part of the soundtrack of our lives as well.

(We went to our grandparents' bungalow at Far Rockaway when I was a child! Ah, the memories!)
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CD4114015

LOVE this blog and you are BOTH such a beautiful part of the couple! You are blessed INDEED!
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2BDYNAMIC

Hubby and I are the same trail as you ... or close 38 years together wonderful years

.....  on your success and yet another wonderful blog!
1936 days ago



LIVEDAILY

A beautiful tribute to you and your husband! I enjoyed seeing the pictures of you and DH on the beach, and the portrait of you both now is wonderful!! I wish I could be there for the concert! I know it's going to be excellent!



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MISCHAKEO

Lovely photos and a great blog. It is a long and winding road. Like both quotes.
1936 days ago



SLIMMERJESSE

Beautiful!
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WILSONWR

Great blog. It's great to look back and think about the journey to where you are now. By the way, the Beatles were a great part of my life also, and I love "The Long and Winding Road." I guess I'll also think about "When I'm 64" as I actually turn 64 in a few weeks!
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HOLLYM48

What a beautiful blog! I love the picture on the beach in 1963 and how wonderful to end your blog with your beautiful now pic as well! Our life and our spark journey is definitely a long and winding road! I love this song and how appropriate it is for this blog. You are so blessed to have your best friend and stealth sparker to walk that long road with. Have a fantastic Sunday and keep on sparking along the way!
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TREE57

Very creative blog, entwining before, now and the words to a soundtrack that reflects your life.
53 years is admirable and I'm standing up applauding both of you for your service and love for



each other,
1936 days ago



ALICIA363

P.S. For some of us, Rockaway Beach in NYC is an exotic location!



1936 days ago



SWEDE_SU

just beautiful! i used to take the A train to rockaway the last summers i was home, back in the late 60s. and i of course have been humming that beatles song for the past few months, having just hit that mark. we have indeed come a long way! thank you for a very bright spot in my morning!

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ALICIA363

You guys are beautiful!

THANK YOU!

I noticed on one of my struggling days, I hadn't logged in to spark as early as usual...probably just a coincidence



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GLORYB83

Beautiful blog, I loved it, thank you for sharing!

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POINDEXTRA

Both photos are fantastic! It's funny that some people think that people in their 60's are old. Maybe it's because we've got a lot of long-lived people in my family, but I don't even begin to think of people as old until they're at least 80!

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LIVINGLOVINLIFE

A beautiful tribute to you and you husband. The words of the song and the picture of you together. Your journey. Thank you for sharing.

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NUMD97

Love it! Absolutely love it! 'Nuff said.

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TERI-RIFIC

Love it.that is a great picture of the two of you-you both look fantastic and def not old enough to have been married that long!

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MILLEDGE2

This made my heart warmer!

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NELLJONES

I love the "now" and "then" photos.

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