

2007 Valedictory Address

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Today I stand before you
completely terrified
My time at this place is over
Where does my future lie?

Growing up I never thought
I'd actually reach this day
My head knew someday it would come
But my heart, it wants to stay.

This place has been my home
For oh, so many years
And now that it is time to leave
I can't help but shed some tears.

I've had the greatest teachers
Any child has ever had
Some of them are here before me
And I hope that they are glad.

Not glad that I am leaving
But glad that I can go
Knowing that they developed in me
A desire to learn and grow.

My friends are here as well today
I count my brother among them
Each friendship is invaluable
A rare and precious gem.

Though often a distraction
They've been with me all the way
Sometimes pushing, sometimes pulling
They've helped me through each day.

And I just can't say enough
About my family
They love me whether good or bad
They're always there for me.

When I felt scared, or was discouraged
Or thought I was not smart enough
They'd listen, discuss, and guide me
Supported me when the going was tough.

All these people have loved me, helped me
Have given advice and guidance
But no one can compare to Him
His voice heard in the silence.

Without Him, I would be nothing
Without my Saviour, I would be lost
I'd be a failure without Jesus
My Heavenly Father who paid the cost.

He is there for me to lean on
For me to talk to late at night
Without Him my world is darkness
But Jesus, He is the Light.

Now that it is time to go
To leave this place behind me
I pray that I will glorify Him
And others will see Christ in me.

What I'm really trying to get at
The point I'm trying to make
Is that nothing can be done alone
The credit not ours alone to take.

We need teachers, family, friends
To help us on our way
But firstly we need Jesus Christ
To guide us through our days.