

1963 ... was an exciting year,
of that you can be sure;
Mae didn't know we would move so much
When I first started to woo'her.



Rented a whole house on Drummond
Then a highway was being surveyed;
Wound up in East Nashville,
With Shelby Park not far away.



Rusty ran in the steep yard
Till a neighbor cut down a tree;
Rolling logs were a hazard
To a boy who was not even three.

In the summer ... off we went to Valdosta,
Swimming in 'Blue Springs' ... was divine;
Water so cold it turned you "blue"
But the whole family had a good time!



Now the Spivey's ... (Jim and Elanor)
for the "grand" parent scene were not ready,
"Please call us Poppie & Suggie";
Rusty obliged ... but we were Momma and Daddy.

My folks had "grands" already
Who called then Poppa and Grandy;
Rusty went to see Poppa for haircuts,
And of course that came in handy.



INA implied they would move us
After some training in the next year,
So we rented and tried to save,
But the future was not all that clear.

In November Mae went to see Dr. Pace
expecting again? ... would he say?
She got that good news while I listened
... as Kennedy was shot on that day!

Like the rest of the country ...shocked!
Celebrated Christmas season as we should;
but seemed headed off into the unknown,
"Keep your faith" they said so we would.

