

A year of change was coming,  
As we entered 1973;  
New career for "auntie" Cindy,  
New location for the family ... and me!

Cindy thought the military  
sounded like the place for her;  
The Air Force got her attention,  
and started a springtime stir.

Texas her destination  
Well, not so far away;  
Then Japan ... Oh my!  
Was what we heard her say.

After putting in eleven years,  
insurance for me ... would stick;  
Taking my CPCU exams,  
Hoping that would do the trick.

"We are forming a unit in Philly",  
Al Musselman said in a call;  
"Come work with me and Tom Cole,  
Insuring contractors ... we'll have a ball"!

Thought ... probably will be short duty,  
"Family ... are you ready for this?  
We'll find a place in New Jersey,  
Might be fun ... if not true bliss"!

So away we moved that summer,  
To Turnersville ... in the Garden state;  
The suburbs were not so different,  
But the commuting ... you can learn to hate.

Took a short vacation in June,  
Back to Fernandina and beach sands;  
Cut short ... for Papp's funeral,  
Losing grandparents ... not in the plans!

We were way off in New Jersey,  
When news of Momma Mae came;  
Oh how Mae would miss her,  
Said ... "things will never never be the same"!

We adjusted somewhat to the changes,  
The Pitman church ... helped a lot!  
But when your 900 miles from family, your thinking  
... Tennessee or Georgia .... This is not ...!

