

# Vera

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Written for my mother-in-law and played at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration!!!

Born in the farmlands deep in the midwest  
Mother and Daddy shared what they possessed.  
Three brothers, two sisters each worked the land  
To use all the skills that are at your command.

(Chorus)

She learned to recognize eagles  
Heed what Mother and Daddy would say  
And the lessons she learned from her life on the farm  
Would stay with her every day.



Leaving the farm, she heeded a call  
From the Rochester Brothers and the hospital halls  
Thousands of babies, safe in her arms  
So many lives delivered from harm.

At the same time, she had found a good man  
In the state parks, they worked out a plan  
Through tough and lean years, their children knew  
The love they shared would always shine through.

(Chorus)

She would gaze at the flying eagles  
She loved to watch her children play  
And the lessons they learned, from mom and dad  
Would stay with them every day.

Now her heart is still beating, she's moving okay  
Every illness she faced, she still walked away  
From the Rochester Brothers, full circle she came  
Learned to help others, received the same.

Worked on the small things, traveled the world  
Both on the great airplane, and through the written word  
She'll climb the stairway, go to a show  
But with her family she continues to grow.

(Final Chorus)

We think she'd like to soar with eagles  
She loves to watch her great grandchildren play  
And the lessons we learned from a life well lived  
Will stay with us every day.  
Yes, the lessons we learned from a life well lived  
Will stay with us every day.

