

Dear Friends

Accept my thanks for the kind expressions of regard and esteem contained in your address on my relinquishing the active duties of my profession

My path amongst you has often been one of deep interest, it has been my lot to share in your joys and sorrows for many years and it is now highly gratifying to me to learn that ^{in our lengthened intercourse} I have not failed in gaining your friendship and ^{respect goodwill} esteem, this assurance so ^{very} fully expressed required not the further Testimonial which your feelings have prompted you to present to me

I am aware that circumstances have delayed the presentation of your ~~kind address~~ ^{kind address} and liberal testimonial; since it was commenced more than one of our number have passed

that Bowling from whence no Traveller
returns, may we all ~~shall~~ be concerned
to ^{make preparations} ~~prepare~~ for a like change. ~~That our~~
friendship

That our friendship may not terminate
here on Earth is the sincere wish of your
attached friend

Answer to address
from inhabitants
of Subcarphonia
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