

# You Make Us Feel Young Again!

A Collection of Funny and  
Inspiring Stories from Rest Home  
Singalongs

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## Preface



This is a collection of funny and inspiring stories from some of my rest home singalongs.

To play these gigs has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Audrey's Angels in Phoenix, Arizona provided me with the opportunity to entertain the elderly living in nursing homes in the metro Phoenix area. For this I will always be grateful.

These nursing home residents have spent their lives as productive contributors to our society. Many have been wealthy and influential. Many have raised families and sacrificed much for others. Now, near the end of life, they are confined by various infirmities and their lives seem somehow "smaller."

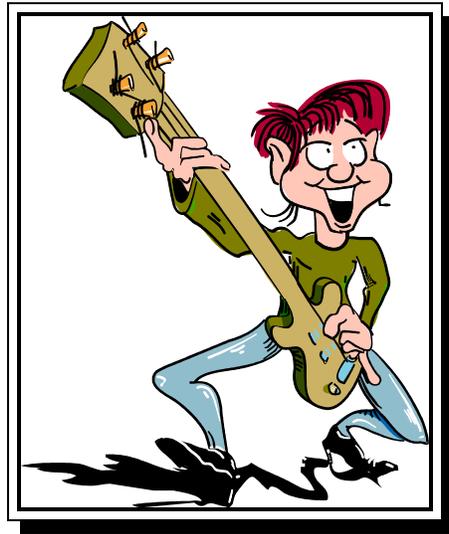
It is with great joy and humility that I reflect back on the opportunity I had to serve these wonderful people.

Let me share some stories with you.

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## You Make Us Feel Young Again



After a fun hour of singing and joking around one lady said, “You make us feel young again . . . if only for an hour.”

That’s the comment that started me thinking I need to collect these wonderful stories and share them.

### 1. Play It Again Sam

I was playing at a nursing home that I had visited several times before and was a little concerned because I was going to play some songs I had done there before. Well, as I was setting up my music stand and getting the guitar tuned up I overheard a couple of ladies who had been there for every performance. One lady asked the other, “Has he been here before?” The other lady replied, “I don’t think so.”

## 2. He's My Tootsie Wootsie



At the singalong today there was an elderly couple holding hands. After we got through singing "In The Good Old Summer Time" she looked at him and said, "He's my Tootsie Wootsie."

## 3. Small Gestures That Mean A Lot



I had the opportunity to play at the bedside of a lady who was so weak she could barely move. After each song she would just barely raise her hand off the bed and wave as if to say, "Thank you, I enjoyed that."

#### 4. Don't Eat The Beans

I had made up a bunch of shakers using empty water bottles with some beans inside. The very first time I offered them the only person who took one immediately opened it up and started trying to eat the beans. I have since glued the tops on all the water bottles.

#### 5. Don't Take Yourself Too Seriously



At a recent gig there was a lady sitting in the front row. After every song she said, "You have such a beautiful voice." I was encouraged by that and said, "Well, thank you very much. I appreciate that." After my set was over one of the residents got up to play a few songs and he was dreadful! His guitar was out of tune and he sang off key.

After his first song the lady in the front row said, "You have such a beautiful voice."