

CHRISTMAS '89

The old lady called Port Isaac,
has seen decades come and go
Thought she'd see the Eighties out
with a very special show
With Christmas trees and fairy lights,
prepared to greet old friends
The Spirit of Goodwill shone down,
as the 80's decade ends.

Her joy was tempered still with
grief. The old lady shed a tear
Three friends were taken from her,
in the last weeks of the year
Gentle Bert, and Olive, and Brian
we'll remember
Your passing filled our hearts with
pain and darkened our December.

But life goes on and babies born
to Andrea and Jill
Perhaps in some small measure,
the void they'd help to fill
The old lady called Port Isaac
brushed away her tear
Put on her jewelled necklace
to greet another year.

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