

# Decide to be a joyful elder

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Decide to be a joyful elder  
Decide to always wear your smile  
in spring, winter or fall  
the joy that you give to others  
is the joy that multiplies

Decide to dream your dreams  
life is for living as you know  
and if you live, serve and love  
you'll never grow old

Decide to enjoy the ride  
decide to sing and dance  
letting the rhythmic happy heart  
compose the songs  
lighting up the passion  
for a better world

Decide to plant seeds of love  
brother wind spread the deeds!  
Teach the children and humanity  
songs and good words  
not judging but listening  
not imposing but sharing those  
better ways  
not dwelling on the problem  
but treasure-mapping the solutions  
together, always together...

The windows of your soul  
can not hide the magic and fun world  
behind  
for as long as there is life in you  
there will always be a better way  
and it is the spark of your personality  
and your tireless spirit for peace  
what I have fallen in love with

Oh! How lucky we are  
with joyful elders like you  
this is the Paradise!

For you have taught me and everyone  
the meaning of life and love  
it is a blessing  
a sweet adventure  
as I discover and write  
travel and dream  
the world can be better  
because of you and me

Congratulations!  
for what is coming  
your ways have inspired me  
you do believe in me  
and this is what I need

Decide to be a magnificent elder  
beyond the weave  
that shapes your presence in this world  
and if reincarnation is an option  
come back as art, pencils and paper  
trees or butterflies  
harmonicas or nightingales  
the essence of humanity  
will rejoice again!

Decide to be a joyful elder  
a human being with everlasting  
sense of wonder  
sense of humor  
reverence for life  
love for the green and for the black  
love for what can be seen and feel  
love for the impossible dream

Decide to be like Robert Muller  
the youthful eternal light  
that remains intact.