

# MICHAEL CHARLES MAIBACH



## NO EXCEPTIONS

You don't believe it,  
You'll never get old,  
So much life ahead,  
You're strong and you're bold.

You are truly timeless,  
Or perhaps just about,  
You're full of new plans,  
All set to roll out.

You watch other's aging,  
It's really too bad.  
You're the observer,  
For them it is sad.

Your life is so fresh,  
So much yet to do,  
So much left to see,  
Engaged through and through.

The best education,  
The perfect new job,  
Stay fit for life, and  
The clock you will rob.

Travel the world,  
Meeting powerful folks,  
Find a fine spouse,  
Regale friends with your jokes.

Early retirement,  
A house on the beach,  
Summers in Italy,  
You might even teach.

As the phone rings less often,  
It's quieter now,  
You feel less important,  
More rows in your brow.

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More friends stop their working,  
Many move far away,  
Illness is lurking,  
For he, she, and they.

Your circles draw smaller,  
You're less in the know,  
You stop running marathons,  
You're energy's low.

You look around slowly,  
Good friends they are aging,  
Compared to their children,  
It's truly amazing.

If wisdom is with you,  
And your faith holds on tight,  
You may finally accept that  
Days are followed by night.

That's when you're tested,  
That's when it is clear,  
If your character's ready,  
You've nothing to fear.

There's nothing to fear  
If your Savior was who  
The Bible presented,  
If His story is true.

As you come to accept  
That the ages have won,  
That history will claim you,  
When your days are done.

Then smile on the life  
That's been given to you,  
And embrace your true friends  
As you bid them adieu.

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