

## **Yellow-jacket Champions!**

Congratulations Graceland! We are extremely proud of you!  
NAIA Division I Champs in men's basketball, a marvelous thing to do!  
And you did it with Cinderella style, good teamwork, great defense, some amazing plays,  
And enough three point swishers to show excellence in your ways.  
Six thousand of us gathered to see this remarkable feat,  
Well aware that Louisiana State was planning our defeat,  
The dancers, band, yellow-jacket, all played their significant part,  
But, it was the team on the floor, knocked down, getting up that showed real heart,  
Behind the first ten points, then a shot into the lead,  
But, such an even game, to lose no shame, indeed,  
One minute left, Graceland two small points behind,  
68-70, the crowd nearly lost its mind,  
Three seconds left, at 72, the game was neatly tied,  
So, overtime became the means by which the champions would decide,  
Four minutes more and six more points, game tied at 78,  
What more could make this championship so well fought, be great?  
And then it was tied at 80 and Graceland got the ball,  
Davis slid a pass to Harley who took the last second call  
And swished it in from twenty feet to win the overtime game,  
The crowd from Graceland went ballistic, educated folks going insane,  
For championships on the prairie, no matter what you say,  
Are a little rare and this one well done by the kids from Ioway.  
Interesting how the final shot gets credit for the winning score,  
Yet, every point is equal, so give credit to those that came before,  
Recognize that all the parts contribute to the whole  
And the Graceland team, especially the crowd contributed to the goal.

My wife and I are alumni from the days of Decatholoner Jenner,  
And we have often reflected upon our friendship with him/her at dinner,  
And we are proud of our doctors, nurses, public servants of many a kind,  
Our classmate teachers, professors, notables, educators of the mind,  
But, now a new generation of heroes for our school  
Gives us very good reason to polish the Graceland jewel,  
We have produced soccer champs, entrepreneurs, public servants as matter of course,  
And quite a lot of marriages, most good through better or worse,  
But, championships on the prairie are a rare thing for us to do,  
So, Graceland University, we are awfully proud of you!  
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