

## **Johnny P, Johnny P**

To the tune of Let It Be, by the Beatles  
Performed by the Preskill family for the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner

### ***By Micaela Preskill (younger daughter):***

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Calculus and Chemistry  
I have the greatest tutor – Johnny P.

And in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade show of talent  
For all of the whole world to see  
Johnny did the choreography.

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60 years of wisdom, Johnny P.

### ***By Steve Preskill (middle brother):***

From monopoles to computing  
That is quantum and fault tolerant,  
You all turn to Johnny, Johnny P.

But imagine a younger brother  
Who is smart and funny and loads of fun,  
There could be no other, Johnny P.

Playing baseball with me endlessly  
Every game to clinch the pennant,  
I counted on my Johnny, Johnny P.

Stratomatic when it rained,  
Whiffle ball when it stopped,  
Tramping down the front lawn, with Johnny P.

Watching her precious grass  
Fading under our persistent feet,  
Our mother called the game, Johnny P.

But if the next day turned out nice  
The game would start up once again,  
We never had a nice lawn, Johnny P.

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When I need an explanation  
That is clear and jargon-free,  
Then I turn to Johnny, Johnny P.

Seeing my sad confusion,  
He grins, proceeding patiently,  
When I turn to Johnny, Johnny P.

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***By Carina Preskill (older daughter):***

When there is a celebration  
In need of song or poetry  
He's first to volunteer, thankfully.

The topics be they dogs or softball  
Or quantum cryptography  
Are some of my favorite memories.

Everyday I brim with pride because  
I can call him D-A-D.  
Happy Birthday to the Dude, Johnny P.

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***By David Preskill (oldest brother):***

My brother, Johnny, wants computers  
Powerful and very small.  
He thinks about this winter, spring and fall.

In summer he could use one  
To play fantasy baseball.  
Now, there's a physicist who has it all!

John often goes to conferences  
Wherever fans might want 'im  
Because his knowledge base is really awesome.

His listeners respect him and  
Hardly ever taunt 'im  
When he speaks about computers that are quantum.

The chair that Johnny occupies  
Is named for Richard Feynman and  
That's a name that's pretty tough for rhymin'.

But it's also a descriptor  
That's extremely apropos.  
A finer man than John we'll never know.

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***By Roberta Preskill (spouse):***

When I found myself in AP chem class,  
The teacher's pet, he came to me,  
High school stud, Johnny P.

Too cool to use the text book,  
Bunsen burners flamed wild and free,  
JP proved he's perfect for Theory

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As we launched our marriage in the 1970's,  
Harvard square life was a spree,  
Lots of good time when you are child free.

In the 1980's our lives did change,  
2 girls, a dog, 4 cars, Nanny,  
Love and logistics are Family.

John sang songs, filmed shows, he played house,  
He is the Most fun Daddy,  
Voices read at bedtime with much glee.

Good Night Moon, Green Eggs and Ham,  
Built our library....  
Moving on to cliff notes and prep for SAT.

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Our family times are such a treat ...  
Dancers, beach vacations, salmon to eat  
Biking, Rom Coms, walking the Dog, cannot be beat.

The girls moved on to college and more,  
Empty nest is the best....  
Reach us by twitter, blog, or text.

We talk of travel, restaurants and theater...  
But end up home in front of the TV,  
Rachel Maddow, Hannity and JP.

For my best friend and lover  
I would do just about anything,  
Even sing in public without karaoke.

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