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Old friend, whose rhymes so
kindly mix

Thoughts grave and gay with
seventy six,

I hope it may to you be given

To do the same at seventy seven;

Whence your still living friends may date

A new good wish for seventy eight;

And thence again extend the line,

Until it passes seventy nine;

And yet again, and yet again,

While health and cheerfulness remain:

Long see they yours, for, best with these,

Life's latest years have power to please,

And round them ^{spread} cast the genial glow,

Which summer casts on Alpine snow.

~~Old friend whose rhymes so kindly mix~~

~~Thoughts grave and gay with seventy six~~

