Eiffel Tower Rises to the Clouds

Eiffel Tower rises to the clouds,
One cannot see the happy faces.
Mount Fuji soars skyward.
One cannot hear sightseers’ laughter.
The Statue of Liberty
Is yonder in the mist.
High mountains and long rivers
Have not come into her embrace.
Coastal beaches of Honolulu,
With sparks of jack-o’-lantern –
How can they match fishing lights in Hong Kong?
Lowering one’s head, one asks softly:
When, where and how?
Echoes softly come back:
Now, here and thus.
Who needs to see a lot or seek a lot?

Just sing a song on the way home:
Now, here and thus.
Lowering ones head, one asks softly:
When, where and how?
Echoes softly come back:
Now, here and thus.
Who needs to see a lot or seek a lot?
Just sing a song on the way home:
Now, here and thus.

Composed and sung by:
Mr Sam Hui (BA 1971)
Lyrics: Mr Michael Hui

Special thanks to
Mr Rupert Chan (BA 1971) for the English lyrics translation
“Now, just imagine that you were only 19, still young and full of ideals, no cynicism please. Imagine that you are under that HKU tower of knowledge. Please may I invite you to rise, bold hands with your neighbours and let's have a song, a UNIVERSAL song, Auld Lang Syne.”

“The students lead the Finale, the “Handover Ceremony”.

“We are students of HKU, the young people you've always been criticizing! You said we’re no good, we're not up to par. Our English is bad, 我們的普通話也不靈光！Our manners are bad! Our IT, IQ, EQ, SQ are absolutely no good! That we have no ideals and we are not energetic! Well, we tell you that we are HERE already!! We have already, without waiting for a Handover Ceremony, taken the stage!

We are here to take over the responsibilities... We will take from society and we will give back, to Hong Kong our home, and together establish the values that we are proud of. We dare to change. And we dare to lead... We will continue the commitment...we are HERE for HK.”

“HKU is THE university of Hong Kong. We have made history and we will make history again. The Celebrations have just begun!”
Law Anthem

Here tall it stands in proud tradition,
adherence to values true.
Here nurtures hopes and aspirations,
for fairness and law to rule.
With unity, diversity, fraternal care within us,
we look to far horizons, and challenges we pursue.
And ever proud are we, Law Faculty,
Your spirit is ours to prove,
and as custodians of Justice, bring honour.

Conductor: Mr Moses Cheng (LLB 1972)
Lyrics: Julianne Doe (LLB 1984)
Music: Winnie Tam (LLB 1983)

Hall Cheers and War Cries

Morrison Hall, St John’s College, University Hall, Ricci Hall, Old Halls, Lady Ho Tung Hall, Duchess of Kent Hall…
Reflections - from alumni, friends and students...

It was a wonderful week I spent with the University which I am connected in more than one way... The dinner was definitely a great success and it made me feel good to be among so many friends of the University, all wishing it well, and more than well, for the decades to come. There will always be a Hong Kong U, and a Hong Kong U we can be mighty proud of!

Rayson Huang

I am moved to say that the Grand Reunion dinner was truly grand and memorable. Everything added to a picture of a university that all who have been involved in it should be proud. Long may our alumni and friends rejoice in the growth and enhancement of this very fine university.

Wang Gungwu
Margaret Wang

Made me really proud of being part of Convocation.

Eduardo J. Loureiro (Macau)

I asked my guest how he felt about the whole thing... he said he sort of felt the same way as Tung put it: for a moment he felt maybe he should have taken a detour and gone up to Pokfulam instead of boarding a flight for university. The event made outsiders who were there at the event feel like “if one didn’t go to HKU... one was a nobody in HK!” Maybe we should stress on the “Friends of HKU” theme a bit more next time.

Sonja and Louis Shih

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Lee Siu Hoi

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Adrian Lee

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Lee Siu Hoi

It was a truly superb and fun evening, and after all the events that I have attended over the years, I felt that the Gala Dinner was the real homecoming.

Shelley Lee
It was fun-filled as well as very touching. I particularly like the ending part when all those confident and presentable young under-grads appeared on stage - they helped reinforce our hope and confidence in the university. Long live HKU! Well done indeed!

**Laura Cheung**

It was a great evening. I had a lot of fun, meeting buddies I have not met for 30 years, including Chan Kow Tak who was standing behind me when the Old Hallities went on the stage.

**Irene Ho**

I met a lot of old friends that night. I was thrilled.

**Chan Kow Tak**

My family and friends (that definitely includes me!) look forward to the 100th anniversary. We shall be here for that!!

A suggestion about the dinner programme for future reference. The speeches at the beginning were inspiring and the speech of Jack So plus video and the programme for the students at the end were equally so. However, there was too much time taken up by the halls so that a lot of guests left and missed Jack’s speech and video and the students’ programme at the end. I thought this was a real pity and these definitely contained more important messages.

I know that there was an online show - is there any copy of this? My eldest son was on a flight from Boston to HKG at that time and I would like to share these moments with him. I did bring my youngest son - and I believe he was the youngest person in the venue at 15 years old. He did enjoy the evening - seeing all the old and not so old foggies and feeling the sense of family and community togetherness of a university that can rise to greatness. I mean that sincerely.

**Sef Lam**

Big Applause for making the Grand Reunion a great memory for all of us. We enjoyed the whole evening. The food and the programme are excellent.

**Stella Ho (Singapore)**

Much has been said about our 90th Anniversary by “important people” of our community. What we need is the support from grassroots.

How about tracking the image of HKU in the mind of those men on the street working hard just to have food on the table for their families? How about those working class people who have no time to think about HKU because their jobs are insecure.

Since my graduation 27 years ago, I have never seen anything like this happening in Hong Kong. Crisis came and crisis went, we had the collapse of the Hong Kong Stock Market, the oil crisis, global recession in the 80s, 6.4 incident of China, another global recession in the early 90s, the Taiwan Strait crisis. Each time we could sail through the storm under good management on the part of the leaders and support from all walks of life.

Our leaders (more than half of them are from HKU) have lost their sense of direction.

Too much grumble on my part.

Let’s have a good Christmas and New Year Holidays and return in 2002 with high hope and confidence.

**Peter Mok**

I did enjoy a great time in the Convention Center, though the early part was a bit of a rush and I had to wait for quite some time for the food. But anyway the time when we were on stage was really wonderful. I was very excited.

**Coco Hu (Student)**

Just want to say “Congratulations!” It was a very successful event!

**Doris - one of the wild ones from last night (Student)**

PS: Do you have any more of those plastic “Student Ambassador” tags? I think Jonathan (the drummer) would like one. Only if it isn’t too much trouble.
香港大學的歷史和香港的歷史發展是很有關連的，當時我考入香港大學，很有感受。一名精英大學，但也能開放接納眾多其他僱主進入大學，是我們互相幫助的。我感覺最深刻的是不單滿足於完成課程，更重要是有思想上的挑戰，開放自己，認識社會國家及世界。

由畢業後加入政府，在大學任教以至現在在樂施會工作，我都忠於大學時的思維發展。一個追求公平的世界，掌握知識和讓世界更公平，令多人得益。

莊清有

1958年考入港大的時候，全班醫科學生六十人只有三個女性，所以我們三人享有許多優勢——以前我們可以棄車上學，有免費車位泊，空堂時一班同學到淺水灣吃蛋糕...

讀書時有很多實習機會，記得我們全班同學到了青山醫院實習，還要到那裡住一星期。有一次在青山舉行足球比賽，男同學都參加，當有一名病人也要參加時，我們都很驚，不過最後大家玩得開心。

住何東的時候，個個女生也要穿長衫、好斯文；住宿有工人，每日有人換房乾淨——睡覺時，一名睡房兩組電話，每有多少時工會打我們的房號碼，然後我們全部出去...希望大學中午，學生有廣闊眼光，中英文用得好。

何屈志淵

我修讀地理，最初不知道上課時是全英文，自己英文不好，因此教授講一句我要背一句，慢慢發覺這樣是沒有用的——要懸補英文嘛。

入了大學使我信心增加了很多，所以對HKU很有感情...今天重憶這麼多艱同，看見別入穿上整齊的僱會制服，有精神，我很有感受；回想，當時應應多點書，還是參予多一點課外活動呢？

杜國威