

"LIFE"  
A BASEBALL POEM BY JIM "MUDCAT" GRANT

LIFE IS LIKE A GAME OF BASEBALL  
AND YOU PLAY IT EVERYDAY  
IT ISN'T JUST THE BREAKS YOU GET  
BUT THE KIND OF GAME YOU PLAY

STOP AND LOOK THE WHOLE TEAM OVER  
YOU'VE GOT DEDICATION THERE  
YOU'RE BOUND TO BE A WINNER  
WITH MEN WHO REALLY CARE

AT FIRST BASE THERE'S RELIGION  
YOU'VE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME  
AT THIRD BASE THERE'S BROTHERHOOD  
THE STALWART OF THE NINE

YOUR LEFT FIELDER IS AMBITION  
DON'T EVER LET HIM SHIRK  
RIGHT FIELDER IS A HUSKY MAN  
YOU'LL FIND HIS NAME IS WORK

YOUR CENTER FIELDER IS VERY FAST  
THOUGH SMALL AND HARD TO SEE  
SO WATCH WHEN HE GETS THE BALL  
HE'S OPPORTUNITY

YOUR PITCHER'S NAME IS COURAGE  
YOU NEED HIM IN THIS GAME  
FOR TRUTH AND FAITH YOUR KEYSTONE MEN  
THE GROUND THAT THEY WILL TAME

YOUR CATCHER'S NAME IS HUMOR  
HE'S IMPORTANT TO THE SCHEME  
WHILE HONOR IS PITCHING FROM THE BULLPEN  
YOUR GAME IS ALWAYS CLEAN

WITH LOVE ON YOUR BENCH  
YOU'RE PERFECTION NO LESS  
AND A WINNING TEAM  
WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS

NOW THE OTHER TEAM IS STRONG  
GREED, ENVY, HATRED AND DEFEAT  
ARE FOUR STRONG INFELDERS YOU'LL HAVE TO BUCK  
TO MAKE YOUR GAME COMPLETE

DISCOURAGEMENT AND FALSEHOOD  
ARE THE BIG BOYS IN THE PEN  
YOU'LL HAVE TO SWING HARD  
WHEN YOU MEET UP WITH THESE MEN

CARELESSNESS AND A MAN CALLED WASTE  
YOU'LL FIND THEM PLAYING HARD  
AND SELFISHNESS AND JEALOUSY  
NONE CAN DISREGARD

THERE IS ONE MORE MAN YOU'LL HAVE TO WATCH  
HE'S ALWAYS VERY NEAR  
HE'S THE PITCHER FOR THIS TEAM  
I'M TOLD HIS NAME IS FEAR

THIS GAME WILL NOT BE EASY  
THERE'LL BE STRUGGLES AND THERE'LL BE STRIFE  
TO MAKE THE WINNING RUNS  
IT'S PLAYED ON THE FIELD OF LIFE

SO STAND BEHIND THE GOOD TEAM  
THERE'LL BE MANY WHO'LL APPLAUD  
JUST REMEMBER YOU ARE THE PLAYERS  
BUT THE UMPIRE THERE IS GOD