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The Bluebird.

Ah! Spring has arrived and is in full bloom. The Ottawa Tulip Festival has taken place. Trees have leafed out and closed out our overview of the neighbouring Grade School. We’ve a cacophony of happy children voices but very little visual sightings to go along with same. We’ve decided to make our little retirement suite more homelike, … moving paintings & pictures from the house. Afraid it has resulted in a bit of over-kill. There are 21 watercolours hung in our living area!

Must confess, this discipline brought with it much nostalgia. Some of these paintings date from the early sixties and span many, many memories. For instance, … *“The Bluebird”* In college back in the forties, the guys in the adjoining suite had a record player and very few records. (A record was a round black thing which played one song.) The record played the most was Jan Pierce in Las Vegas singing *“ The Bluebird of Happiness.”*

*(“The Beggarman and the Mighty King are only different in name,*

*For they are treated just the same by fate.”)*

Never forgot it. Once in a while in North Hero we’d catch a glimpse of a bluebird. My, what a lovely shade of blue. One year a Birthday card came along with a bluebird on it. Your writer thought it would make a lovely watercolor, … in short, we painted a bluebird and ended up replicating same 13 times. Visit one of our close family and chances are you’ll be greeted by a Bluebird.

In closing, *..”Remember this, life is no abyss,*

*Somewhere there’s a Bluebird of Happiness”*

Till next month, Lucille and Ken.

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