

# We Love The Gov

Sixty Nine, Still Blind, But Doin' Fine

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celebration of Governor Paterson's 62nd birthday.  
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He was born rather young  
To a fine Dad and Mom  
His lineage that of genius and kings.  
Suspiciously smart,  
Right from the start,  
With a brain that could solve many things.



Legally inclined  
But legally blind,  
Unaware of his supposed limitations.  
His parents decreed  
He was trouble indeed,  
Destined to impact the nation.



Uninhibited by fear  
He had definite ideas  
About how great the great state could be.  
Wisdom is timeless  
And despite fits of blindness,  
No one had vision like he.





Eager to play,  
He left the DA  
And became the youngest state Senator.  
West side to the valley  
Was right up his alley,  
The same district run by his progenitor.



Questionable friends,  
With questionable trends  
Inspired gubernatorial status.  
You served for some years  
With cheers from your peers,  
Despite the occasional fracas.



Though not all were planned,  
Your achievements were grand  
And you served out your term in triumph  
They've come and they've gone  
Some tried to stay on  
But they were removed, defiant



The years indeed flew  
And when you turned sixty-two,  
This book was to honor your stature.  
But time has marched on  
Seven years have now gone  
And today sixty nine has come at ya.





So now let's explore  
What life's had in store  
For the past seven years you've enraptured  
What songs have been sung  
And what has become  
Of that fairytale filly you captured.



Another birthday was seen  
in twenty nineteen  
And you gifted yourself a fine gem  
You got down on one knee  
And said “Mary, Marry Me”  
Putting batchelorhood two to an end



August the tenth  
The very same year  
On a boat, on a river, named East.  
Mary was wed.  
To the governor who then said  
“First lady, let’s drink plenty and feast.”



And so it was done  
These two became one  
A marriage that was just meant to be  
In a single fell swoop  
You became a new troop  
Mary, David, and of course Anthony





Opportunities abound  
Business ventures are crowned  
A pandemic gave rise to learn songs  
You practiced guitar  
In no time you came far  
Then came Blind Dog Dave and The Throng



So all in all  
It's been a fine haul  
Sixty nine, a sensational number  
We hope what's in store  
Is sixty nine more  
If not years, other sixty nine wonders

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55th Governor of New York



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Ol' 55, may ever you thrive,  
You're a legend  
From the Hudson through Madison.  
We love the Gov,  
He's the Gov from above.  
Bless the head Governor Paterson's hat is on.



David Alexander Paterson (born May 20, 1954) is an American politician. He was the 55th Governor of New York, in office from 2008 to 2010. He was the first African American governor of New York and also the second legally blind<sup>[1]</sup> governor of any U.S. state after Bob C. Riley, who was Acting Governor of Arkansas for 11 days in January 1975.<sup>[2]</sup> Since leaving office, Paterson has been a radio talk show host on station WOR in New York City, and was in 2014 appointed Chairman of the New York Democratic Party by his successor as governor, Andrew Cuomo.

After graduating from Hofstra Law School, Paterson worked in the District Attorney's office of Queens County, New York, and on the staff of Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins. In 1985, he was elected to the New York State Senate to a seat that was once held by his father, former New York Secretary of State Basil Paterson. In 2003, he rose to the position of Senate Minority Leader. Paterson was selected as running mate by then-New York Attorney General and Democratic Party gubernatorial nominee Eliot Spitzer in the 2006 New York gubernatorial election. Spitzer and Paterson were elected in November 2006 with 69 percent of the vote, and Paterson took office as lieutenant governor on January 1, 2007. Paterson was sworn in as governor of New York on March 17, 2008.