

Trente-Sei

Belated Family Easter Party

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Eggs are not bought, hard-boiled, decal-ed or dyed.
Our family finally realized
the Easter Bunny was pre-occupied—
There's so many projects and trips to make
What kind of giant effort would it take?

Christmas decorations didn't disappear.
Santas, ornaments, trees still on display.
Red and green decor, bright holiday cheer.
Somehow joy just did not get put away.
On Christmas Jesus starts new direction.
On Easter it is Christ's resurrection

We had thought the guest list would be down-sized.
Children divorced, changed partners this fall.
Grandchildren away, so we compromised.
Our guest list ended up with almost all.
Several more guests than we suspected
and happily more than we expected.

Finally Grandma thought she'd get shopping
to fill the Easter baskets, find craft gifts.
Easter decorating efforts topping
her energy, resources...but mood lifts.
The house reveals the various seasons.
Colors remain so for many reasons.

She needed to do some Easter shopping
So much more to plan. So much more to get.
Many stores to shop, errands non-stopping
hoping there is nothing she will forget.
So though Easter party is belated,
may be better than anticipated.

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1. Six 6-line stanzas
2. The first stanza lines take turns becoming the first line of the next stanza.
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b-c-c
4. Syllable Count: Usually 5 stress accentual lines or often ten syllables.