

For You, Nikolai Borisovich Delone¹

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Life was bright.
The sun shone from the blue sky,
When you first led the way,
Climbing the steep slope of the mysterious multiphoton Everest,
Trying to show the truth to Keldysh's insight. We followed.

Life was dark.
The door to the laboratory was shut;
But your spirit was always bright,
Brighter than the clear blue sky above multiphoton Everest.
When I sent you our first tunneling results,
You and A.K. simplified Keldysh's and PPT's insight,
Creating the ADK-theory now many cite.

I envy your courage.
I envy your perseverance.
Because of you, the multiphoton discussion in Moscow took life,
Keeping the spirit of multiphoton guys sky high.

I admire your selflessness.
I admire your optimism.
Because of you, many Soviet and Russian multiphoton guys
Got the chance to sew their Western scientific ties,
Developing collaboration
Strengthening friendship
Which we all treasure
Deep from our heart.

Life is life.
You have proved the worth of life.
You understand why
And you leave life forever with a smile.

Please rest well, Nikolai.
Yours from Canada, forever,
See Leang and May.

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