

Faith

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“Gather your things children, we’ll soon be leaving
Our new home in America is awaiting”
What do we leave behind, and what should we bring?
Why can’t we stay? At least till Spring?

Kristina has many questions, as a six year old child,
Where will we live, will I make new friends in a little while?
Grandmother smiles and says “you must have faith this day.”
“For our faith will guide us and show us the way”

As Kristina approaches the big ship, she holds her doll tight
She looks to the sky... hoping Grandmother is right.
She must put on a smile, being as brave as she can be.
Her little sister, Maggie, is watching, and she’s only three.



Kristina was my Great Grandmother and that was 100 years ago.

She's been gone many years, but the story is still being told.

A Story of Faith, A story of courage, A story of Immigration,

A story of new beginnings, and A story of great Inspiration.



Three of my four grandparents were from German ancestry. They knew firsthand that FAITH and FEAR cannot co-exist. In the summer of 1963, I was 14 years old and was preparing for High School in my small NW Kansas town. I considered starting a bible study group before school but was afraid I might be laughed at or ridiculed. My grandma told me to read Romans 1:16. I did, and the following words flowed like a mighty river. I am now 76 years old and these words have been shared often throughout my lifetime.

I stand up for Christ, let this be known.

Each day my love for Him has grown.

If there be a man among you who would say

“Who is this fool, is he at his play?”

I would state, “I am not, and you sir are wrong”

With that I'd take leave, bringing him along.

I'd show him the way life should led,

Saying look forward not to death, but eternal life when you are dead.

I'd say, "men look on the outside, but Christ looks on the Heart,
And if you accept Him as your Savior, you too shall become a part
Of that heavenly Kingdom in the sky
That He went to prepare for you and I".

Then He'd fall to his knees and Pray "Oh Lord please forgive"
And I'd feel proud I'd shown someone what it is to REALLY LIVE!

