**Happy 60th Birthday!**

Trajectory of life can be

Abrupt, hardline and twisty.

But having paid admission fee

You just arrived at 60!

What helped you make the journey fun?

First off - strategic vision,

Seeing it all in the long run,

Your skills to plan and to envision.

Then comes your patience and your zest

Hard-working and ambition,

With them you conquered hawkish West

And gained your recognition.

Not least come humor, wit and style

And those few around

Who came along for quite a while;

Plus Soviet background.

Today you’ll enter new decade

Enjoy the risky ride!

You do deserve the accolade

For brilliance and stride!