

My Name is Basil

CHORUS: (sung twice, almost chant-like)

**My name is Basil;
I want to sing you a song;
I want to praise you
no matter what you do wrong.**

VERSES (tune of “The Wearing of the Green”)

- 1. You can take your Math and Science
and your English too;
But stick with me and you will see ...
that Social Studies is for you.**

(Basil: passion for SS)
- 2. Take your I-Pad, Smartboard,
and internet TV;
Give me a good old acetate ...
the overhead's for me.**

(cassette player & technology)
- 3. Cathy and I are building
a B&B you know;
It's shaped just like a sweat lodge ...
and it's called *Chez Favaro*.**

(Basil: indigenous, entrepreneur, retirement)
- 4. The students talk about us –
the old, the young, the new;
They say, of all the faculty, ...
I have the best hair-do.**

(student recognition: passionate, influential, enthusiastic)
- 5. You'll teach our children all the rules,
but, may you ever thirst
For learning far beyond the schools ...
and be a person first.**

(Basil: advice to students and colleagues)

Thank you, Basil, for your example and your friendship.

- Mike Cassidy