

Intro to Andrew's Memorial Service ([jch.com/ach](http://jch.com/ach))



Dear Beloved friends and family of Andrew Collis Hardenbergh,  
We are gather to mourn his passing, but more importantly,  
To celebrate his life as an artist, an architect,  
a student of life and a teacher, too.  
As his younger brother, much of my Reality was a hand me down,  
from the clothes he outgrew to the music I still listen to.  
When he came home from England with a copy of LoTR for me,  
he was the coolest, most charismatic, most worldly human on Earth.  
As a true student at Blake, Yale and the Architectural School,  
To say he was well read is an understatement.  
He studied religion at Yale.  
He was a natural pastor with a gift for comforting and inspiring.  
As an artist, he was adept and rendering peaks and valleys.  
The cover art\* is Mt. Washington from Black Cap.  
His life had many peaks and many deep depressions. And drinking.  
And more pain that we knew.  
For those he pained, please forgive him.  
For those who feel they trespassed or did not do enough, please forgive yourself.  
Andrew, the tortured artist is at peace and he would wish that we are, too.  
Andrew would ask us to remember the peaks and the love.  
I can hear a younger Andrew saying:  
“Whoa, what a shindig! Thanks for being here.”  
And the family echoes that sentiment.

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\* Cover of the Beautiful Program Nicky put together for the service.