TEDDY ROOSEVELT
by Kathleen Wiley

Now let me tell you of Teddy Roosevelt
Aristocratic background and great wealth
But husband and father held his greatest joys
He played the games...of his girls and his boys...
At Harvard, while reading by the fireside
Would you believe it? Yes, his boots caught fire
His powers of concentration so remarkable
He didn’t know.....until he smelled the smoke....

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Teddy the eccentric, Harvard’s magna cum laude
Teddy as a Rough Rider, Teddy, President...
A vigorous and kindly man
And where he was, fear left....

He had a daughter, Alice, irrepressible
Effervescent, and so unpredictable
But she came by it honestly...It was no trick...
‘Twas said of him..." The President’s about six."

He said "I can do one of two things.
Control Alice..... or be President...."
Since one was so much harder this much we know
The Presidency .....is the way he chose to go....

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A man of many seeming contradictions
A big game hunter, and a conservationist
He said,"Speak softly, Carry a big stick"...
The White House was.... known as his bully pulpit....
While on an expedition a bear cub
Was roped and tied for Teddy to round-up.....
But he just couldn’t shoot it, as it looked so tame
And that is how..... the teddy bear got its name...

One day his life just ended so peacefully
‘Twas said "Death had to take him while he was sleeping
For if he’d been awake there would have been a fight..."
For he’d face death the way he lived his life...

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