Smokey the Bear
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Long long ago

In New Mexico
There lived a happy family of mama and cubs
They had such fun. They’d play and they’d run.
They never knew the trees that grew would soon be stubs
But then one day a camper they say
Came walking through the forest with a lot on his mind
A match we bet or cigarette
Was carelessly thrown on the ground for someone to find

But as we know, winds started to blow
A flame was fanned and there began a great tragedy…
Animals fled but most were soon dead...
And there begins a saga that involves you and me

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So firemen were sent but 24 men
Were trapped for one whole hour as the flame raged on
And when it was done there was only one
Survivor and it was a little tiny bear cub.
His feet were burned and they soon learned
That in the fire he climbed higher and then hung on...
But they pulled him down and they took him ’round
To see the vet and what they’d get to help him along.
Now Smokey was named for "Smokey" the famed
Assistant New York Fire Chief, "Smokey Joe" Martin
Then Smokey went to the Washington Zoo
And there became the city’s greatest attraction...

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Now Smokey lived life with no toil or strife
But that’s not how he’d have it if he’d had his choice
No, he’d want to roam though his forest home....
But fire denied his natural life so let’s be his voice
Now Smokey would say to us today
Put water on your campfires, never throw down a match...
And then with some work, some seeds and earth
You plant the seeds and start to bring the earth’s beauty back...

So we will be those whose character shows
That we improve surroundings and that we never tire...
‘Cause as Smokey said in all that we’ve read..
That only you and I can prevent forest fires

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