

For Janet

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J

SHE CAME FROM THE NORTH, THE DEMOCRATIC BULWARK,
A WHITE INCANDESCENT, IRRADIATING SPARK,
THROWING A LIGHT FOR ALL TO SEE,
SHE WAS FIRMLY ATTACHED TO OUR DEAREST DEE.

TOLIED THEY DID TO MAKE OUR LAND FREE,
A VOTE FOR YOU AND A VOTE FOR ME.
FOR NEVER BEFORE DID OUR PEOPLE SEE
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, VOTING IN UNITY.

A FIRM BELIEVER IN SOCIAL REFORM,
UNWAVERING, UNDAUNTED, ALWAYS CALM.
FOREVER RESOURCEFUL, LOVING WARM,
A GIANT IN THE EYE OF ANY POLITICAL STORM.

SHE ALSO GAVE US TWO LOVELY DOVES,
SWIFTLY GROWING, THEY WILL SOON BE OUR LOVES.
WIFE, MOTHER, WOMAN THROUGH AND THROUGH,
A GIFT TO THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY TO YOU.

"J" CAME SOUTH TO STAY,
TO HELP SHOW MEN AND WOMEN THE WAY
OF TRUE FREEDOM, HONESTY, DIGNITY, LOVE,
PRACTICALITY, SOCIALIBITY, HONEST TO GOODNESS LOVE.

REGARDLESS OF ORIGINS, COLOURS, CREEDS,
SHE EMBRACED US ALL LIKE TENDER REEDS.
ERASING FROM AMONG US IMPLANTED HATE AND GREED
FEARLESSLY SHE FED US LOVE, HOPE, NEW SOCIAL SEED.

COMING FROM A LAND OF REVOLUTIONARIES
WHO WON THEIR INDEPENDENCE
BY THE SWORD, BLOODSHED AND FLAME,
SHE GAVE US UNITY, TOLERANCE, FAME.

SHE COUNSELLED INDEPENDENCE FROM THOSE MASTERS THE SAME,
NOT BY THE SWORD, BLOODSHED OR FLAME,
BUT ON THAT BALANCED BASE, THAT FORMIDABLE FRAME,
HONEST SOCIALISM, THAT NOTABLE NATURAL NAME