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Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt
9. White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

Enclosed you will find a poem dedicated to the late "President Roosevelt," whom the family was very fond of.

My mother had sent President Roosevelt many birthday gifts through many years of his Presidential stay.

I wrote this poem the day after "Our Beloved President Passed Away". I am 16 yrs. of age, and writing poems and art are my hobbies. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know how you like this poem.

I drew a sketch of the late President, and entered it in a school

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contest, and was awarded first
prize.

In the near future you will
receive another poem dedicated
to you.

Hoping you will answer
this letter very soon

Sincerely yours
Eugene Costigian

"O Roosevelt, O Roosevelt"

You were our bravest President
You led us through all mankind,
You showed your courage in everyway
You were the best we could find.

You never thought of yourself
In anyway better than others,
Your beings were like the rest of us
In thinking of us as brothers.

You served your country the best you could
You lived up to every tone,
You served your country as, king, would
Only, not seated upon your throne.

When said, only, not seated upon your
throne, I meant
From one mission to another you went,
You in one place did not stay
For you wanted to help, the Axis pay.

O Roosevelt, O Roosevelt, each day we
think of thee
Of every good that you have done,
To keep us out of misery,
And to pray for those behind a gun.

All night we pray for those away
Wishing they were home to stay,
Our fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers
And also too for all the others.

O Roosevelt, O Roosevelt, we think so
much of thee
As to put thee in our Poetry,
But even as we think of thee
You've made the greatest History.

O Roosevelt, O Roosevelt, as we have
said before
That you have tried your very best,
But even as we say it
You are laid to eternal rest.

Eugene Castiglia