

Halls-Holz

IN MEMORIAM
TO
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
January 15, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Kindly accept the attached Poem of my father's as an expression of his love and admiration for your husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We, his friends, cannot conceive the idea of his not being with us in physical form, as neither do his enemies (so they claim to be) for I note they still speak of him and his ideals as still being in active force - and so will he and his ideals live and be a part of us for many generations. How wonderful to have placed such a part in world events and to live deeply and serenely in the hearts of so many. Would there be more like him - but through his complete understanding of the needs of all mankind may others follow in his footsteps and create for us what was originally intended the way we all should live and inhabit this Earth.

A word picture of my father - he has just passed his 78th Birthday and is of a very keen and active mind. He often reiterates that he has kept himself young by being a very liberal minded person (not radically) and that it is only those whose minds are blocked by reactionary trends of thought, thereby precluding any new ideas along lines of progress, who grow old before their time. He has during his lifetime composed many poems - has never done anything more with them than either jot them down on paper or retain same in his mind - quoting when the occasion demands. Am enclosing one of his latest entitled "Beautiful Thoughts".

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Holmes

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TO
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What memorial we fashion, of bronze or of stone,
Is as symbolic as the ideals by which you are
known

For your spirit is abroad in the world of today
Tho' your physical form is now laid away
Amid the Flowers, the Grasses, the Tree and the
Vine

These your memorial and these are our shrine;
This is the shrine to which we will bring
All of the homage due to a King
For who is the King whose reign does extend,
to where the utermost thoughts of mankind has an
end,

But he who has left to our love and our care
A heritage in Duty in which we can share.
So this sanctuary forever shall stand
As a symbol of Duty and Peace in our land.

Then to you, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our
homage will flow
And this will endure until life's after glow
For as Flowers are freshened when kissed by the
dew
So our lives are brightened in remembering you.

Harry S. Sewell

