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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have been intending to write to you for quite a while. To make it short and straight, I want you to know that I have thought of you as well as the late Pres. Roosevelt. I'm just a 19 year old colored girl. I wrote a poem when he died and I want you to have it. Please accept it.

From
Miss Margaret
Marie Simpson.

In Memory of our President.
Roosevelt was a very good man
Kind, honest, courageous and true
He never had a selfish thought
They were all of God, you and you

Roosevelt was a worthy man
He was never cruel or hard
His life was lived for everyone else
It was a generous life, given by God

You see, He was not a follower of man
He was a Christian and with very good
reason
You see, He had a way of his own
Which was praying and abiding by the laws
of Jesus

Our boys over there, they loved him too
He was a part of their daily prayer
He did his best to prevent the
suffering
But once it started, his heart was right
there,

In the midst of our boys, the fighting
and death
On the fields and barren plains
With no time between killing and the
shedding of blood
over

He too, shared their suffering and pains
America was everything he worked for
forever striving for you and me
We were his people, he loved us all
just as we loved him, Oh can't you see?

He stood up for the Negroes as well as the
whites
The Southerners fought to bring us down
But we had Roosevelt to fight for our rights
We have him to thank for winning our
rounds

We have lost a friend a very dear friend
No one can even take his place
He was a President that will never
be forgotten
By any human race.

The End.

Charlotte, N.C.
April 25th, 1947

My dear Mr. Roosevelt,
I am enclosing a copy of my
song dedicated to our Palmetto State
I having been born and reared
in Columbia, S.C., composing the
number has given me a great
deal of pleasure.

I am also enclosing some
copies of the number I wrote
and dedicated to your wonderful
husband, Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Should you desire more copies
of each composition, I shall be
delighted to send them to you.

Sincerely,
Alma Sims

Mrs. Algie W. Sims

Thank

Henry

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