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 President 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 I.

Roosevelt was a worthy man;
He was never cruel or harsh;
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.

He too, shared their suffering and pains.

America was everything he worked for,
forever striving for us 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 ever 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 Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am enclosing a copy of my song dedicated to the Palmetto State, 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 music that I wrote and dedicated to your wonderful husband, Franklin Delano 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

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