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56 Ambrose St.  
Roxbury, Mass  
Apr 7, 1947

My dear Mrs Roosevelt  
Enclosed please find a  
copy of my original "A nation's loss"  
as a contribution of the  
negro race in respect and  
appreciation for the good  
deeds which your late  
husband Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt  
did for us.

In this humble way  
I would like my poem to be  
part of the Memorial Service  
Very Sincerely yours  
Phyllis B. Thorpe

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"A NATION'S LOSS"

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We bow our head in solemn thought  
And in our hearts a prayer  
For solace, which by death has brought  
Our love for one held dear.  
His memory shall never die  
His ideals, his courage supreme  
Shall ever to our Nation be  
A Beacon's brighter gleam.

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He was our pilot, we his crew  
On calm or rocky seas  
And ever to Almighty God he looked  
For answers to our pleas.  
Yes, we have lost a power  
In higher realms he stands  
While he before his Maker will ask  
for peace  
In all the lands.

We bow our heads in sorrow  
His memory shall never die  
His ideals, his courage supreme  
Shall ever to our Nation be  
A Beacon's brighter gleam.

- by Phyllis B. Thorpe  
April 12, 1945.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
BUREAU DU SECRÉTAIRE EXÉCUTIF

18 December 1947.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

Thank you for your letter received this morning enclosing two letters from people needing help, which you think that the International Refugee Organisation can give.

Yours sincerely  
Arthur Paulis

It has been a great pleasure to have the opportunity to meet you while you have been in Geneva & it was most

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
Hotel Beau-Rivage,  
Geneva.

kind of you to  
invite my wife  
to meet you too.  
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