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Sept 2 - 1946

Dear Mrs Roosevelt.

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I am taking the liberty to send you a little poem I wrote. I wondered if you might appreciate it. I am a great lover of the Roosevelts, as a family of one of the greatest leaders of our beloved U. S. A. I thought about it why didn't some one write or say something about those wonderful fire side chats <sup>which your husband gave to us</sup> for who ever but him that about speaking to us in that friendly and kindly way.

And I can not help but think it was one of the greatest things that endeared him so much to us and won

the hearts of the American people  
So I wrote the little poem.

Perhaps it is crude. I am not  
a poet just a little country  
farm woman. I trust you might  
appreciate it any way.

With the kindest appreciation in the  
world for you and your family and  
for your high ideals and wonderful  
leadership of womanhood.

I think Frances Perkins gave you  
a great tribute which you so richly  
deserve in her writing, "The Roosevelt  
I knew" in the Colliers

Lovingly a well wisher  
Mrs John L. Reid

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## The Evening Fireside Chat

It was in the evening by the fireside  
I heard a voice over the radio.

Like a father speaking to his children  
About the things that they should know.

He spoke words of friendship as tho' he cared  
Over the evening fireside Chat.

To the rich and poor all colors and creeds  
Aked but him ever thought of that.

He spoke words of wisdom and courage  
And took away our fear.

That voice so gentle and low, which to us  
Was to grow so very dear.

It touched the hearts of a nation

In the chords of unending love.

And brought faith hope and cheer  
As on the wings of a dove.

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A voice full of love for his fellowmen  
The man I never saw, but I heard,  
His voice so gentle and low,  
As it flew over the land of the free like a bird.

It was in the evening by the fireside  
That voice I learned to know  
Spoke words of kindness, peace and joy  
It came over the radio.

That gentle voice I hear no more  
But the words he spoke live on  
To bring us courage faith and hope  
Tho he from us has gone.

Those words are now a memory  
And the memory of them is that,  
He bound our hearts in love and goodwill  
Over the evening fireside Chat

(over)

I think his name should ever be,  
One of the most outstanding three.  
Washington Lincoln and Roosevelt,  
His greatest interest, brotherhood and unity.

O may we keep that love and peace,  
He tried so hard to instill  
Into the hearts of the nations,  
Tolerance, brotherhood, good will.

And may God bless him and rest him  
in his rose garden bed until that  
glad day dawns and the light shineth  
from the east to the west.

Poem the Evening fireside chat  
written in memory of  
F. D. Roosevelt.

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I have another little poem I wrote to put on the fly leaf of my little grandson's book "General Ike" written by Alden Hatch, which I gave to him for Christmas 1945

The little poem or tribute to him I called it "General Ike"

I will write it on the other side of this sheet.

I hope you will like it.

General Ike

O general Ike we do love thee,

You led us thro' to victory.

By the great Jehovah's guiding hand,

By sea, in air, and on the land,

The G.I. Joe's and the Tommies too,

Were led by gallant men like you.

You kept the spirit of freedom alive,

For our joyous Christmas of 1945.

O may this weary world ever know,

Big hearted men like you, the Tommies, and

G. I. Joe.

What thrills my heart is very much

Is the greatness of the man with the

common touch.

*Reilly*

October 6, 1948

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I have read all of your articles in the Saturday Evening Post with interest. I was touched by your last one and your description of the last day in Warm Springs. It was done with such affection and feeling.

With every good wish and hoping that if you are ever in my neighborhood, either here or in New York, you will let me know, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

October 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Slocum:

I have read all of the articles which you and Mr. Reilly wrote in the Saturday Evening Post.

While I realize that Mr. Reilly furnished the information, I feel that you had a large part in making them readable and interesting. The last one was done with so much feeling and affection, I was deeply touched by the description of that last day in Warm Springs.

I hope I shall have a chance to see you and Ann this winter after the United Nations Assembly meetings are over.

With every good wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,

*request*

*G. Rein*

August 30th, 1946

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am preparing an album of First Day Covers of United States Postage Stamps. The thumbnail sketches requested hereinbelow are to be used in connection with my first day covers of the stamps issued as a memorial to the late great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In order that my album might contain only correct statements would you please furnish me, within the next 30 days, with a 150 word thumbnail sketch on the subjects listed hereunder. I am most anxious to have these sketches prepared by members of the Roosevelt Family or close associates of the late President. Would you personally do the one in connection with "President Franklin D. Roosevelt - the Citizen," please. Should you prefer that an associate prepare any of the requested sketches, please advise me to whom I might address a request. In any event, it is desired that the full name and identifying title of each author be given with any sketches you may care to send me in order that a proper credit linemay be included in my album. The subjects of the requested skrtches are as follows:

1. President Franklin D. Roosevelt - the Citizen  
This sketch is to be used with the one cent stamp issued on July 26, 1945 showing the President with his Hyde Park Home.
2. President Franklin D. Roosevelt - the Humanitarian  
This sketch is to be used with the two cent stamp issued on August 24, 1945 showing the President with the "Little White House," Warm Springs.
3. President Franklin D. Roosevelt - the President  
This sketch is to be used with the three cent stamp issued on June 27, 1946 showing the President with the White House, Washington, D.C. This sketch should include the highlights of President Roosevelt's domestic political career.

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4. President Roosevelt - the Statesman  
This sketch is to be used with the five cent stamp issued on January 30, 1946 showing the President with an outline of the World that has the "Four Freedoms" inscribed thereon.

These sketches will not be used commercially under the present plans. Should future developments dictate the publishing of a cover album, specific prior approval will be requested before these sketches are published.

Please accept my thanks for your consideration of the above request. A self-addressed and stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours truly,

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