

The Day the Lady Cried

She was born long before them,
The vision of Bartholdi's dream –
The metaphorical ideal
Of liberty supreme –

She welcomed huddled masses,
An example to the world –
Freedom lighted by a torch
Around her fingers curled –

The crowned Mother of Exiles
Hostess to the tempest-tost--
Who've sought her teeming shore
No matter what their cost--

Steadfastly so resilient,
Undaunted she's remained –
Her silent glow of freedom
In our hearts engrained –

This strong but gentle Lady,
Has in the Harbor stood –
So honorably and gracefully
As alone, a lady could –

For generations she endured,
The lone sentry of her quest –
Her proclamations of liberty
Afforded her no rest –

Until the day she learned of
The birth of twin brothers –
In peace their dedication
Partners like no others –

Up from the ground they sprang,
And quickly how they grew –
Growing mighty, strong, and tall,
Like little brothers do –

And when the Twins were finished,
There they stood, the three –
A triumvirate of spirit
For the entire globe to see –

A tribute to imagination,
To achievement and to dreams –
From this shining threesome
Man's height of heart did gleam –

Always there together,
Would the trio always be –
To guard the Lady always,
The Twins you'd always see –

Down upon her gazing,
A quarter-mile to the sky –
The Gentle Giants' shadows
So closely standing by –

They loved the Lady very much,
And she as well loved them –
Their beacons' brilliant promise
Until that tragic end –

When in rolled in the darkness,
On that unspeakable day –
Where language found its limits,
And you knew not what to say –

For nothing could prepare her,
Nothing under Heaven –
For the devastation,
Of Tuesday 9/11 –

Before her eyes both murdered,
Her brothers overpowered –
The Gentle Giants gone,
Now gone, from where they towered –

Despite the witnessed anguish
Of Her many years –
She stood staid and stoic,
Never shedding any tears –

Until that baneful day,
That day her brothers died –
That was the first time ever,
That the Lady cried –

