

Campaign 1996

McCarthyites are smirking now in glee,
Los Alamos is scammed by one Chinee,
The Alger Hiss grey ghost hangs gloomily,
Tail-gunner Joe's revenge a sight to see.
And at the pad of prexy, Hillary,
The question is just whom to pillory -
Some say it must be Bill at Energy,
Slick Willie says "J'accuse is not for me."
Left twisting in the wind is Wen Ho Lee,
Whom some would burn - and not in effigy;
Investigation is the remedy,
But A-G Reno stands immovably,
For, after all, Wen Ho is a Chinee
From where those gobs of greenbacks filter free.

Ventura, Trump and Pat Buchanan vie,
And dream of all the votes greenbacks can buy -
That dream, of course, is fourteen mil or so
That must be cadged from wily old Perot.
Their motives are high-flown - of that no doubt -
Reform is what they say they are about,
Old Jesse says weak-mindedness must go,
Religion-reformed brains will make it so;
The Donald makes the point - this is no pun -
That trumps in gambling games win all the fun;
And Patrick tilts away at tall windmills
Like NAFTA! Has abortion lost its ills?
The party called Reform is on a roll,
For fourteen mil, reformers sell their soul.

New Hampshire is, of course, the fourth-year spot
Where all the candidates are hot to trot,
Town meetings, restaurants and school gyms swarm
With those who will be snowed - or just get warm.
And all the snows will melt ere Groundhog Day,
The hot-air blast will flow it all away
As Bush, McCain and Bauer and Keyes declaim
While Forbes and Hatch explain just why they came,
And Alpha male Al Gore puts all to sleep
While Beta male Bill Brad says things so deep;
The doctors who do spin will work the mouth
When polls have shown the numbers going south
For candidates diseased with hoof-in-mouth,
While all wish they were in the sunny South.

The Chechens wonder why a Kosovar
Can get so much attention from afar -
As Muslims, they face Mecca every day,
The same as Kosovars who kneel and pray.
Slick Willie told the Russkies to get out,
Old Yeltsin told the prexy to bow out
And grimly gave him news that missiles launch
Toward meddlers who would Chechen bleeding staunch.
Since Russkies - just like Serbs - are not NATO's,
Poor Chechens feel they should be NATO foes,
Slick Willie knows, of course, a freedom fight
Is waged on small states to engender flight -
He points with pride - Croatia, Bosnia -
At fleeing Serbs - but not Somalia.