

Democracy

It works – democracy – it works...
Ah yes, most people well aware,
It works but has the strangest quirks,
Like needing tender, loving care.

It works when people say it will
But simply not through words thereby,
It works when folks make it their will
To save it...if that means to die.

It works when people undertake
To learn the ways to nourish it,
It works when they then strive to make
Its quirks comprise a perfect fit.

It works but only when there is
Integrity across the board,
It works but short-term when there is
Dishonesty that seeks reward.

And so the balance then is struck
When educated people own
Integrity...and not by luck
Maintain democracy – their own.