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Ode for Abraham's Eightieth Birthday
November 5, 1937

Washington, Lincoln, and me
Were born in February;
Any connection you see?
Perhaps it is arbitrary!

But here is one plain fact
You will do well to remember—
Abraham's first known act
Registered in November.

This was a definite plan,
This was a calm selection;
He was no also-ran
She knew the date for election!

She was no Joan of Arc,
Nobody ever burned her,
Wherever she chose to park,
The district always returned her.

Candidate evergreen,
Pride of a loyal planet,
Whatever her course has been,
Abraham always ran it.

When Election Day comes round,
Tune of Saint and Sinner,
May she for years be found
Always and ever the winner!

Josephine Sadakam Bacon