

Fourth of July Parade

for Junior

Here comes the parade
Marching down the street.
Reds and whites and blues
Are the colors that we greet.

We hear patriotic tunes
When the band goes marching by.
The majorettes lead in front
While strutting and kicking high.

The floats go past
Showing the colors of the USA.
People along the parade route
Wave flags to celebrate this day.

Bicycles, pets and old autos
Bear the colors of the Fourth of July.
Everyone stands and salutes
When Old Glory flutters by.

Along comes a group of old men
Some limping and not keeping up.
The parade is slowing —
These old men are holding it up.

All are wearing baseball caps
Denoting the military branches they served,
These old veterans fought in the war
Their places now well-deserved.

Even though they slow the parade
These old soldiers are walking tall,
Proud of the contributions they made
—And nobody minds at all.

The Widow Lyons