

October Day Salute

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The duty of a student
can be summed up in a sentence;

To benefit the race of man
with thoughtful independence,

To keep the dark of ignorance
from clouding up our vision,

To stand the watch with vigilance
and learn from each decision.

We look to you to represent,
Dear president and tutors,

A lifetime worth of study spent
from inkwells to computers.

A life which does not disregard
the benefit of living,

But credits poets, clowns and bards
the lessons they are giving.

Our courses and our campus
smack of Liberal Arts forum

But do not for a moment
lack tradition or decorum.

October day has come again

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and those who gather here,

From those who dare to lift a pen
to those who lend an ear,

Are welcome now to be a part
of this inauguration;

Our president, with open heart,
is welcomed to his station.

