

Tribute

To the 44th President of the United States of America



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*He was the future once unthinkable
The dream unlikely ever to come true
The ship of prejudice unsinkable
The day our history would never rue;
He was the hour clock would never strike
The past entrenched, committed not to yield
The time the nation never would be like
The status quo irrevocably sealed;
But in one moment all that could not be
The hands that would not, raised themselves and cast
The ballots east to west and sea to sea
That set the past and future free at last
Gave us a present beautifully spacious
Obama tall and smiling, Barack gracious.*

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