

# Ode to '06

It was a lively year in every way  
With American voters having their say,  
The ballots were cast – the count was quite fast  
The Democrats ruling the day

Mr. Bush was confident he'd win  
But the polls said his ear was pure tin,  
He didn't back down – and watched his guys drown  
Takin' it straight on the Presidential chin

Iraq was the main driving force  
Americans not staying the course,  
The Shia and Sunni – the whole thing is looney  
Brutality lacking remorse

Dick Cheney shot his friend in the head  
Our noggins not compatible with lead,  
While Dick wasn't tellin' – the media was yellin'  
Something certainly needed to be said

Iran remains a very dark cloud  
It's leader constantly saying it aloud,  
Israel must go – Americans should know  
The Persians will never be cowed

Back home machines are the rage  
With computers replacing the page,  
Little reading last year- with IPODS in ear  
Are Blackberries becoming a cage?

TV news ratings continue to drop  
But American Idol had plenty of pop,  
The war on terror is boring – so that show is soaring  
One wonders when all this will stop

Media gossip was also big stuff

With Paris and Britney and fluff  
Undergarments went missing – even before they were kissing  
The word for this display is simply “enough.”

Of more importance is campaign '08  
Much better to run early than late,  
While Hillary's a mama – her competition's Obama  
The outcome's a matter of fate

So in essence the year was confusing  
In Iraq are we winning or losing?  
Only time will due tell – what will become of that hell  
No matter how many continue their musing

My wish is a peaceful new year  
One lacking in violence and fear,  
The one thing I'm sayin' – is for that I'll be prayin'  
Let's hope that serenity is near.