

A Wish for Marysville

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Out of the clever fun idea,
Of book lovers from this area,
Comes this wonderful competition,
That has triggered my intuition.

A call for novice writers,
To share their words and letters,
Up to forty lines they say,
So, I gathered my pen and began to pray.

I do not know if it will get some attention,
Nor will be part of a presentation,
But just for the gain of itching my brain,
I will jot down some words and see if they remain.

What I'm really trying to say,
How wonderful is this town — I'll stay!
A place that feels like angels live,
Because it always has something to give.

A small town at the end of a winding trip,
Full of greeneries around each skip.
The colours are delightful, you would not believe,
That in just 90 minutes, your stress is relieved.

Marysville oh Marysville,
You are a wonderful sight!
Who would think you've been ruined
A past decade of fire to fight?

But now look at you,
blooming majestically!
O how we hope fervently
That you'll be spared more tragedy.

May you always be a reminder,
that life should not surrender, for
there will always be a bloom, after
any doom or gloom.

Bless you more with caring people, may
you abound with good disciples,
Smile here, greet there, admire
the trees and flowers.

You surely are a wondrous deal, our
dear lovely Marysville!
This my wish for you,
And I hope you'll like me too...