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"Ode To A Pittsburgh"

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Pennsylvania's western daughter
With your tubes of liberty
Princess of pig-iron slaughter
With your boyfriend Carnegie

Oh you were stained glassed
You were smokestacked
You were laid in cobblestone
You were trolley car tracked
And for you the red sky shone

And while thieves, and black-sleeved buccaneers
Pitched and kicked their orbs
It was for you that I cheered my wild cheers
In the field of Mr Forbes

I sent cinnamints from Shadyside
I paid homage from The Hill
Oh no, it cannot be denied
And Cola-Coke can't kill

Let the trees in Schenley grow strong
May the bagpipes never burst
Let the Allegheny roll right along
May I thirst the Duquesne thirst

May your steel mills stand forever
And your Learning Tower too
May Mellon remain clever
Good luck and God bless you

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