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"Monkey That Became President"

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I was there on the day the monkey came into this world
His face was round and reddish and his hair was
slightly curled
He didn't look too different from the others I had seen
Who'd've thought he was the answer to the nation's
dream.

At first he didn't seem to be intelligent at all
Each time he'd start to walk about he'd stumble and
he'd fall
My first impression was to be a most mistaken thought
Lord Almighty, what's this little hairy monkey wrought.

Because I witnessed his departure from his mother's
womb
I felt inclined to check his progress every afternoon
One day the keeper of the Zoo called in the live TV
Brinkley said I think you'll be amazed at what you'll see.

The monkey walked and talked and waved his arms
about his head
In the corner was a stack of books that he had read
An Educated Monkey said the papers cross the land
It was more than weary sociologists could stand.

Oh, his fame was universal he was on the Carson Show
People talked about him kindly everywhere he'd go
His insight was amazing his philosophy was fair
He became a politician welcomed everywhere.

His wit was not to be compared with any mind intact
He'd lace a phrase with irony and blend it all with fact
Conservatives applauded and the liberals were
entranced
The bigots and the integrationists were in his camp.

Nobody dared to meet him in an open press debate
He was nominated by the folks from every state
Yes, a monkey was the President though maybe not the

first

There was peace and harmony throughout the
universe.

The dream I had last night has been related as it came
As for interpretation well it's really very plain
Would you rather have a monkey up in Washington DC
Or have those people making monkeys out of you and
me?...

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