Student Poems to President Barack Obama

No Play Today - by G.S.

Today is a very important day.  
Instead of going out to play,  
We watched the inauguration  
On T.V. and Obama is now  
the President of the U.S.A.

Hurray!

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Watching History - by M.M.

Watching history be made  
While sitting at my desk,  
Obama’s almost president!  
I can’t wait.

I check my watch.  
It’s eight-fifty!  
Ten minutes to be  
patient, that means both you and me.

Whether I’m in Texas,  
and you’re in France,  
still ten minutes to go  
before history is made.

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Inauguration 2009 - by J.J.

The 21-gun salute  
and  
the music  
got my attention.

From the size  
of the crowd,  
I know  
it was  
an important  
ocasion,

but, hey,
I’m only
eleven and

focus
is a problem.

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**Inauguration - by A.M.**

The female poet who read the poetry for President Barack Obama spoke movingly.

I was excited when she spoke poetically.

President Barack Obama spoke about schools and about how schools need to improve how they see science and math.

I felt happy that our school was already focusing on those.

I also enjoyed the “restoring America” part of his speech.

It made me feel involved in the future.

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**Barack Obama’s Inauguration - By E.P.**

It was sunny but cold. There was hope that day. You could feel the tension on the Capital grounds, in Washington D.C., in Utah, California, Virginia, and Hawaii. The whole USA was waiting.

The representatives of the House came out onto the stage. The crowd cheered. It was almost as if the best play in the world was about to start.

Barack Obama gave his oath to the world and to his countrymen and women.
Then Barack Obama gave his speech.
It was like the stuff of dreams.
His words sank in to everybody who was listening.
The words would seep into every citizen of the USA.
He told us about diversity, democracy, and, most importantly,
that we have to work together to fix our nation’s problems.

And then the band played.
Of different gender, of different color,
Of different roots, of different race,
Their song made the world think.
This is not a world of difference.
It made the citizens of the USA think of diversity and of all our different people.

The inauguration was over.
People turned off the radios, TVs and video cameras.
They went back to their normal lives knowing
that a new president had gone into the White House.
A new president
A new age
A new life.

Inauguration Day - by M.S.

Yay! Yay! Today’s the day!
We jump! We shout! We let it out!
Today’s Inauguration Day!

We hurry to the capital
To see the President!
We wave, we cheer
To make him hear
That we are really here!

He steps up to the podium,
Everyone’s hearts are pounding!
The trumpets blare!
We stare and stare!

President-Elect Obama speaks
The oath of office
The last sentence come “So help me GOD.”
Hurrah! Hurrah! He’s President!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The cannons roar!
The look like dragons spitting fire in salute!
Then comes Obama’s speech!
He says he is grateful to be president
And he knows there is work to do.
He talks of science and schools
Of going green and oil use.
His speech is through.

We’re going home.
I’m kind of mopey
I want to keep this moment going!

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**Inauguration 2009 - by R.J.**

In Barack Obama’s speech,
he talked
with kind words of wisdom
without an attitude,
but with gratitude,
of the future.

It’s what lies ahead
on a lonely hill
waiting to be walked on.

It’s like a prized possession
always there,
near and dear
to our hearts
in an empty box
not for one to see
but for many.

That’s Barack Obama:
a president
with not only knowledge, but
with a loving heart.

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**Inauguration - by R.B.**

Crowds
people everywhere.
Loud noise pounds my ears like a drum.
Obama steps up on a podium
a man stands before him
and places a precious book before the president-elect
soon to be in-charge.
I, Barack Obama, do solemnly swear
the man says
Obama repeats
The man continues
That I will faithfully execute the office of
President of the United States
Obama repeats
and I will to the best of my ability
preserve, protect and defend
again he repeats
the constitution of the United States

As the last words roll off his tongue,
he knows that this is right.

Far off three large guns
fire seven times each
the 21-gun salute!
Let it be known!
We have a black president.

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**Inauguration - by V.C.**

Faces are everywhere,
Some in happiness,
Some in tears, and
Some in disappointment.

Little flags waving gracefully in the air.
People stop, listen, and stare.

People of all religions and races
Gathered together in the same place
To start a new beginning
In this never-ending race
Called life.

So we turn our heads in dignity and hope
Towards the ever-changing sky
Knowing not what the future will bring

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**The Inauguration of Barack Obama - by A.R-M.**

The inauguration of Barack Obama.
What does that mean?
Does it mean hope, or maybe trust?
Or does it mean compassion, honesty,
or possibly faith?

I think it means all of those things,
and more.

As Barack Obama said, to embrace something
bigger than ourselves.

I also believe it means something different,
special and important
to each and every individual.

Perhaps it means, as the Rev. Joseph Lowery said,
To "work for that day when
black will not be asked to get in back,
when brown can stick around,
when yellow will be mellow,
When the red man can get ahead, man, and
When the white will embrace what’s right."

But above all, we hope it means that
Barack Obama will lead us
to a better future, a better America.