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First Class #31 is one hell of a pleasurable read. I have managed to cull the very best stories and poems that have passed through the Friendship pobox and plopped them on these pages for you to gain much ponderable insight in a mere hour. So, turn off that television and tune out the blathering of the political bandits vying for your vote so that they can pillage and profit, steal and smarm, threaten and thieve. Take stock of your realm, be it small or large, and enjoy the swirl of life within arms' reach. While we surge through another replay of dark history, it is all we really have that we can live through and make our own.

Again, I am pleased that your eyes are on these pages.

Now, get reading!

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