

A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE FROM AFAR.

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1. It all began with Happy Death,
Who knew but that might be,
The fate of that young company,
Whom Cowbridge went to see.
2. But on they went, encouraged now,
And thought they'd try once more.
And so a Murder was Arranged,
Though whose we're not now sure.
3. Without the Prince might sound quite dull
But Cowbridge thought it nice.
Doug. Phillips had a winner her,
And had to play it twice.
4. The club was now on steadier feet
And Further Orders came,
No longer was it quite so hard,
The C.A.D.S. had won a name.
5. "Their finest hour" in Churchill's words
Was, who'll deny? Chris Bean.
The play that people still recall
The best we've ever seen.
6. Then Doctor Brent, his household tense,
And Chiltern Hundreds too.
The butler was the hero here,
Another Doug - that's two.
7. Wind on the Heath - sad trilogy,
But brighter things in store.
The Happiest Days they called the next
And on they went once more.
8. The Devil's Own came next in line
A murder was the theme.
"And this was Odd" on the other hand
Was rather like a dream.
9. Another triumph comes to mind
That we will ne'er forget.
A Coronation Pageant this
A town like ours the set.
10. Two verses this does well deserve,
It was a huge success.
Did Caesar never look like this?
Well nor did Good Queen Bess!

11. Blithe Spirit was a story told
Of Supernatural powers.
Dead wife comes back to haunt the scene
The second one just glowers.
12. The next one is a tricky name,
It doesn't seem to scan.
A sordid tale of Power with-
out Glory for a man.
13. Thornton Wilder wrote the next
and called it Our Town.
A tale of life with all its trials
And how it gets you down.
14. A cottage was the mise en scene
for farce of greatest cheer.
The reason seems a common one
For good Queen Bess slept here.
15. The next one sounds a well-known theme
A true and tested cry.
It's something sad that all have seen
What's that? - Love Passes By.
16. A vicar's home, his wayward son,
And all his family life.
A problem this for man and church
All caused by Robert's Wife.
17. The Importance of being Earnest now,
Is that advice to follow?
They played this one with great success
And then they did The Hollow.
18. Eleven years, a score of plays,
The actors come and go.
Producers too have crossed the scene
But one thing all must know.
19. No matter what outsiders say
The club comes first and last.
The C.A.D.S. must still be here one day
When all our lives are past.
20. And so the toast must be to-day
As we our glasses raise -
Congratulations to the C.A.D.S.
And many happy days.
21. And so we come to twenty-one,
And Pepys provides the play.
The best of luck to all concerned,
My thoughts these words convey.