

Davy Crocket, King of the Wild Frontier

Born on a mountain top in Tennessee,
Greenest state in the land of the free.
Raised in the woods so's he knew every tree,
Killed him a bear when he was only three.
Davy, Davy Crockett King of the Wild Frontier.

Midland Style: Paul Squibb, Founder of Midland School

Born in Brooklyn in the big city,
His father had lost all the family money.
But Squibb went on to Harvard, got his degree,
Drove an ambulance, World War 1 infantry.
Paul, Paul Squibb, founder of Midland School.

He met Louise Groves on a New-York-bound boat
Fell in love and that was all she wrote
They moved to California to find a place remote
Tried Thacher, then Webb, but they all lost his vote.
Paul, Paul Squibb, founder of Midland School.

The Great Depression hit with grief widespread,
A "simple life school" had gotten stuck in his head
In Fall of '31 he bought a homestead
And he turned it into Midland, the school that he led.
Paul, Paul Squibb, founder of Midland School.

A school mission based on community.
Needs not wants and living naturally.
Self reliance, hard work, responsibility
The daily work of students, living relatively free.
Paul, Paul Squibb, founder of Midland School.

When the school bell rings and the day is done,
Well, it isn't really done, it's just begun.
Midland's round the clock, by moon or sun
First kerosene, now solar, makes the school run.
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His vision was large when he headed West
Focus on the simple things was his request
Experiential learning, not just taking tests
From the Alamo Pintado, to Grass Mountain's crest.
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Willing to build a school and to risk it all,
Squibb founded Midland as his life's call.
In his large foot prints we must stand tall.
And add some names to the Chapel wall.
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