Poem

P.O. Box 12082,
Elspark,
1418,
South Africa,
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The Principal,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

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Dear Sir,

In common with, I suppose, millions of others, I mourned the loss of the seven astronauts.

But like them, I felt that there was something especially tragic about the death of your colleague, because she was the first member of the public, without any kind of influence or specialised training, to be chosen for a space flight.

For that reason, she would not only have been unique in world history, but I think she carried the aspirations of all those other members of the public who would have liked to have changed places with her.

I hope then that you will accept this small tribute, written for Mrs McAuliffe it is true, but of course dedicated to all of them.

yours sincerely,
Ken Macleod.

Reach for the Stars !! by Kenneth T. Macleod

For Christa McAuliffe and the other
six astronauts killed when Challenger
exploded on January 28, 1986

The world wept
as we saw your dream
explode into death
while you reached out
for its fulfillment.

Oh Christa,
your unique viewpoint
of God's artistic
magnificence
was silenced in stillbirth!

The world mourns
in stunned disbelief,
the awesome authority of
the seemingly inefficient; seven
yellow ribbons its silent tribute.

Christa,
we have the consolation
of knowing that we will
share your new-found knowledge
with you, sometime.