

The Old Water Tower

As you probably saw in last month's newsletter, Calvin Dill's poem, "Glendale the Beautiful" was featured for your enjoyment. This month's poem by Mr. Dill is called "The Old Water Tower." We are featuring this poem to coincide with our feature article on the newest water tower (tower three) that is almost complete.

Please remember that the first

water tower was built in the late 1800's (it is a part of our war memorial now), and was replaced in 1928 by the tower located at the service department. This poem was written shortly after the first tower's replacement. Maybe someone will write a poem about the soon to be replaced water tower at the service department!

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When Children ask what this Round Tower is, and why,
Tell them it's where the giants and the genii
Live; — that ages ago they built that Tower
To shut up foes, when in their power;
And that they open only at secret word and knock,
Otherwise they will not turn the key in lock.
'Twill be too bad if no legend ever grows
Around that strange tower past which traffic flows,
For seldom in our modern towns
Is seen
Set in a bit of village green,
Such antique Tower as on the hillside frowns.

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Rising many feet above us, like a
giant protecting our Greens,
stands a mighty tower of water
made of concrete, steel & beams.
I've lived beneath her shadow, and
developed some connections
between finding home and using
her for giving out directions.
There has always been some safety
upon living near that treasure,
because when we needed water we
didn't worry about the pressure.
I've seen the rust and peeling paint
and names painted bright.
And to this day, looking up so
high, gives me quite a fright.
Like a huge old tree with lover's
hearts carved into her trunk;
she's been climbed, cursed, & sub-
jected to abuse, paint, & junk.
Once workmen came for several
weeks with scrapers and with
paints;
and covered with a fine white mist
our homes, cars, and complaints.
The local teens whose autographs
towered above for all to see
once again found a brand clean
pallet for their special graffiti.
There's been lots of comments lately