

To the Wilken Brothers on Their Retirement

by:--Herodotus Anonymous

- I The News the Wilkens would retire
Brought us a feeling of despair;
Alike to that which gripped the minds
Of all who did their shopping there.
- II Their shelves abound with food for dogs,
And cans of tuna for the cats,
To show no impartiality,
There's Warfarin to nourish rats.
- III Our feathered friends weren't overlooked,
When came the snow, and ground did freeze,
They had food for our cardinals
And sunflower seeds for chickadees.
- IV Rains leaking through the basement walls,
The cellar wet and full the sump,
The Wilken Brothers would install
A little red Jacuzzi pump.
- V Should you desire to hear the news,
Or music at the close of day,
You could select a radio
From those they had in their display.
- VI When balling out our nursery stock,
From early morn 'till set of sun,
Their spades so eased this arduous task,
That digging trees was almost fun.
- VII Their seeds so filled our garden plot,
Beans, carrots, onions Ebenezer,
When side-dressed with their 5-10-5,
We had to buy another freezer.
- VIII In shop out back, Repairs weremade,
By Clarence, Buck and Dickie Coon,
On tires, on mowers and water pumps,
What're arrived was running soon.
- IX When tires failed, as tires do,
Ensuing cost we need not dread;
We soon were on our way again,
Just measure the remaining tread.
- X How high you rank in our esteem,
The lines you've heard we hope will tell,
The purpose of this gathering,
To wish you and your families well.