

CLASS POEM

Commencement day is here at last!
Long expected to appear!
Nought Seven's history is past,
A class they all did fear!

A brief review of events we'll take
Of this mighty Class of Noughty Seven,
Whose deeds to the Noughty Eight
Appear as thunderbolts from heaven!

Far back in the days of nineteen four
This favored class put up their stakes
The sounds increased to one great roar,
While the upper classes did but quake.

First on the scene to this great throng
Appeared our dean, with face a-glow;
His greeting was a loud "Honk! Honk!"
He saw this class was not so slow.

Just to show they meant things sure
As a final to a lecture grand,
They demolished half the furniture,
And then proceeded to disband!

Once more they're seated in Hall B,
As handsome a class as you could sight;
Some one shouted: "One, two three!"
What a reception for Billy Knight!"

With white locks streaming, he arose
To transfer his wisdom to this crowd.
Did he do it, do you suppose?
Nay, nay! The class was much too loud!

Who tries it now, so bold, and proud,
This haughty class to tame?
'Tis our dean's son! For him a shroud,
Loudly did this class proclaim!

Who said: "The class will be quiet to-day,
For they are up against a hill."
All one could hear was: "Hurrah for Way!"
Not quite so bold, but undaunted still.

The first year ended, all was well,
Freshies they will no longer be;
But, as Juniors now, you still can tell
The same old class, of troubles free.

To start the ball they sprang a trap
On the Freshies, raw and green;
They rushed that class clear off the map!
Nought-Seven reigned supreme!

As the year began so did it end,
This class forever in the lead;
No chance for a break, or even a bend—
Unconquered to their homes they speed!

Alas, the Senior year is here,
With the State Boards on their head!
But on each face we read good cheer;
They never knew the word called "dread."

So, bow your head, take off your hat!
Start them on their way to heaven;
The only wish we leave is that
You'll be as good as Noughty Seven!

—L. C. G., '07.