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"Education in Review"

We came to this country
  Many years ago (1917)
When trails were rough and rugged--
  The traffic made it so.

Cars were a part of luxury--
  Model T's were in their prime
Which have seen so many changes
  Plus many others in our time.

Hill Top then had a school-house
  To which we walked to school
Others, came on horse-back
  From far or near--the rule.

Ruby Dille was our teacher--
  A better one would be hard to find,
A natural born instructor
  With disposition, good and kind.

Under her careful guidance
  We learned to read and write and spell
Each in it's proper sequence
  On which others still should dwell.

The 'School of hard-knocks' is one grand teacher
  Experience, has been our guide
Energies put in motion
  These thots one must confide.

Our first two years of higher learning
  Were at Amitie--a land-mark for others here
T'will always be remembered
  Five and one half miles our ponies trotted, if, in high gear.

E. J. Martin was the teacher,
  Who knew his subjects well.
Latin, Algebra, History and English
  Each conveyed will do to tell.

Two more years of learning
  So to Holyoke we must go
Ten and one half miles, between there and home
  For daily trips our Model 'A' our friend or foe.

As I recall we did some trapping
  Which was on our way to school--
With perfume of our catch
  "No more "they said, "It's against the rule."

(Who were our teachers?--)
I'll name them if I can
Wycoff, Broilier and Mrs. Scott
Miss Williamson, Mills, Kinney and Wickman
Miss Henline, whom I almost forgot.

Subjects taught were English, Science and History
Latin and some Spanish too
While we had bookkeeping and typing
Home Ec and shop--I may have missed a few.

We had no time for music
Or should I say 'band'
Our voices were saved for entertainments
Or for contests that were at hand.

The class of '24 has had no reunions
Each has gone his separate way
Carving a nitche, we hope, with no regrets
What more is there to say?

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