

AN ORIGINAL PURIM POEM: TURNABOUT!

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Time doesn't permit
But still one must try
To make it all fit
Rabbanan and Rabosai

Please just sit still
And lend your ears
And if you please will
We'll fill them with tears

'Cause what can be said
That hasn't been yet
For those dead in the head
And trapped in a net

While we drink and sing
And enjoy higher views
We must still feel the sting
Of the these other Jews

At the peak of Purim day
Where there is no doubt
See a Jew gone astray
And about to marry out

Feels a beat in his breast
Three thousand years old
And against great protest
Takes a step so bold

To talk to a rabbi
To find out the truth

But it was one big lie
According to rabbi Ruth

But our hero our friend
He didn't stop there
Till he reached the end
The edge of his chair

So he called rabbi Tom
rabbi Dick and rabbi Harry
And they gave him a psalm
From rabbi's Moe, Curly, and Larry

It warmed his Jewish heart
It tickled his funny bone
But it wasn't enough to start
His long journey home

So he planned a wedding party
Without a Jewish Chupah
To Kathy Stuchiarti
The ultimate chutzpah

And just moments before
The hour of doom
Just what was in store
For our misfit groom

Was a telephone buzz
From an old Jewish mate
Who said he called 'cause
It's almost too late

And if he'd give'm an hour
Or even a little more
He'd show'm the power
By every Jew's door

In that short meeting

A great point was exposed
And Jewish hearts were beating
Just as you and I supposed

And with Samson's might
Our friend our hero
Chose to do what was right
For great Zeidy Shapiro

A Talmud Scholar
Of towering strength
Who lived in squalor
His entire life's length

And now all his kinder
Went the way of the tide
And what was to hinder
The last one from taking the ride

Except for a friend
With a convincing word
And a willingness to bend
To hear what was heard

By now you have guessed
What became of our hero
As throngs weight to be blessed

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