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Young Andrew Carnegie invested years  
steeling money; in his old age, he built  
imposing music halls on the east coast  
and libraries in rural towns out west.

Roosevelt's Rough Riders waged war on foot  
up a Cuban trail with smoking bullets.  
He came home a hero, America's  
pride, although scores of men died of disease.

About the best and maybe only good  
that Benjamin Tillman managed while in  
Congress was to reform campaign finance.  
His worst was to support attacks on blacks.

The Yankee Henry Lawton fought in four  
Of this republic's wars and died in one.  
Today, his combat-weary persona  
walks the world of Southwest Oklahoma.

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Nadarko *translates to "butterfly place"*  
*In the Caddo language. A white man's mistake*  
*Added an A; now, it's Anadarko.*  
*Butterflies always favor the Caddo.*

Gotebo *swam the swollen river*  
*on the coldest, wettest day of winter*  
*and saved father and son of the Giles clan.*  
*Kiowa Indian—he was a kind man.*