

## Pictures

Throughout our beautiful Capitol the walls adorn  
Many pictures of lawmakers, long ago born

I admire the photos and want to channel somehow  
Their courage as we craft laws we'll live under now

This magnificent building represents all we aspire to be  
Diligent to pass policy that helps keep our society free

Never forgetting to honor those who pay the ultimate price  
Proud, humbled, and in awe of such brave, unselfish sacrifice

Offices, ranches, and families we have left behind  
To make some laws anew and to others unwind

Sincere our efforts to represent the citizens who stay,  
Keeping in mind who built our state, those who pay

Honored to carry this mantle of public trust  
The many decisions weigh heavily on each of us

Listening diligently to the opinions of others as ideas posed  
Consensus arrived at on some, other offers disposed

For the best short-term solutions for each of us  
Are those that work best long-term for all of us

Criticism and praise will come as citizens reflect  
Were our efforts sincere and absent neglect?

Perspectives are diverse, grateful for Idaho's unique design  
If I'm to earn your respect, you should expect to have mine

Imperfect, yet undaunted we seek to craft the right policy  
Still, sometimes the job can appear bigger than you or me

Never seen, always present, with faith, we are never alone  
He'll help guide if but asked, throughout time He has shown

Future generations may gaze upon our picture display  
And judge the level of success on what we do today