

OS Limerick Competition

As one the Nation applauded – 06/04/20

1st Prize:

As one the nation applauded,
And though not wishing to seem sordid,
That is one case of “Clap”
The NHS needn’t zap
But instead feel justly rewarded!
Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

2nd Prize:

As one the nation applauded
A charming idea badly worded;
For it would be quite bad
If we’d really all had
A community ‘clap’ as reported!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

Other Entries Received:

As one the nation applauded...
Levy at Spurs thought he had it all sorted...
‘ Yes, I can furlough my workers and get rid of the shirkers
And keep all the profits for me!
Nick Bayley (Staff)

Title: “Fake News”
As one the Nation applauded —
A drug had been found that afforded
Relief and protection
But on closer inspection
It turned out we had all been deluded!
Charles Freat (Cobham 67)

As one the Nation applauded,
As we realised we could no longer afford it,
So we raced to the bins and abolished our sins.
And dumped the License fee, once lauded.
D'Arcy Wyvill (Temple 93)

As One the Nation applauded
Respected, adored and oft lauded
But our dear NHS
Is under distress
Now let’s all make sure they’re rewarded
John Rice (Grafton 86)

As One the Nation applauded,

The Nurses and Docs much lauded,
Always at Eight,
Thursday the Night,
And always on i-phones recorded.
Adrian Laird Craig (Bruce 72)

As one the Nation applauded
Our thanks are now well recorded.
And so may it be
Our MPs will agree
NHS to be well rewarded.
Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

As One the Nation applauded,
As Boney's men had been sorted,
With thanks and more than,
To Nelson and Cochrane,
And the Duke of Iron that had fought it.
Adrian Laird Craig (Bruce 72)

As one the Nation applauded;
the Great, the Good & the Sordid;
Every last word,
That She spoke; we heard;
By Heaven the Queen should be lauded
Nick Spencer (Grafton 93)

As one the Nation applauded
Those who should be well rewarded
Who night and day
Put themselves in harms way
As this Covid plague marauded
David Newton (Grafton 74)

As one the nation applauded
The decision that Homer recorded,
But the large wooden horse,
Which we all know, of course,
Was more than the Trojans afforded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
And not only those that supported,
For the World Cup team,
Had delivered the dream;
It was just what the doctor had ordered!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
Those who scrambled and boarded.
Winston called them the 'Few',

But everyone knew,
Without them they'd all be marauded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
The problems the health service forded,
With their pots and pans,
And the clapping of hands;
To cheer as the zeitgeist accorded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
When Corbyn was so cold-shouldered,
For trusted by none,
His day was done,
Despite Boris looking disordered!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
When defeat had been fore warded,
For Trafalgar was won,
By both powder and gun,
And its hero by duty rewarded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
Each knight whose shoulder was sworded,
For the monarch who reigned
Stood for all those who deigned
That subjects be duly awarded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
(After the border was bordered),
The three hundred who died
With courage and pride,
And Xerxes' army reordered!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
And at once was Ladied and Lorded,
For an artist once found
Must now do the rounds,
To forget the neglect and the sordid!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The poet with praise and with plaudits,
But within his mind,
He could only find,
An imposter whose poems were frauded!

Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
When the Armada was finally thwarted;
But not Francis Drake,
Who (for goodness sake!)
Was still miffed his bowls were aborted!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The Blitz spirit and all it afforded;
With Hitler's demise,
Berlin was the prize,
But then Stalin had to be sorted!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
(When normality had been disordered)
The doctors who served,
and those who deserved
All our thanks, as could be afforded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The people on whom She depended,
Not the lazy and vain,
And those that seek fame,
But the carers who silently tended!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The speech which our Sovereign reported;
She was stoic not stern,
And far from infirm,
And 'we'd all meet again', she assured us!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The weather, for weather's much lauded;
So when out came the Sun,
And the rain was all done,
We were glad, though few could enjoy it!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
A sky which was clear and not clouded,
But smile turned to frown
For those in 'Lockdown',
Stuck inside and feeling quite crowded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
(And history has also much lauded),
The Spartans who fought,
And with lives dearly bought,
An example to those they forwarded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the Nation applauded
Their opponents, for courage was lauded,
As the great Zulu horns,
On an African dawn,
Left 'the thin red line' quite disordered!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
When their legions pillaged and hoarded,
Until Caesar digressed,
Said 'ALEA IACTA EST!
And across the Rubicon forded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
In arenas both gruesome and sordid.
It is hard, in that land,
to quite understand,
How the Romans so truly adored it!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
For in Samuel I think it's recorded,
That when David's sling slung,
And a pebble was flung,
An ungodly army was thwarted!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
A prince a maiden befriended,
Evil's been overthrown,
All the heroes are home,
And so now my tale is ended!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded,
The fireworks whizzed and exploded,
Soldiers dancing in the street,
Kissing girls that they meet,
Waving guns which were probably loaded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
With feelings truly exalted,

But in truth I forgot
To bang my tin pot,
In short, I thought that I ought'd!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
And the heroes of 'Lockdown' rewarded.
For those still confined,
I'm sure you will find,
Old Stoics who are glad that they boarded!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
When Napoleon was finally sorted,
And the Iron Duke
Said 'What a fluke,
I thought then we nearly had bought it!'
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
The good weather, which some truly doubted;
Though raining it's not,
The sun's shining so hot,
That now we are becoming too droughted!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

As one the nation applauded
Tennyson's poems with plaudits;
But alas we must guess,
'Cause he doesn't confess,
When she came into the garden, what Maud did!
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)