



“The Hat in the Ring”
A Lame Rip-Off of “The Cat in the Hat”

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With apologies and thanks to Ted Geisel aka Dr. Seuss

It was time to vote
On a warm autumn day
But if your name was John Hickenlooper
Things did not go your way.

Some people say voting
Should run smooth like butter
Now our Denver vote counters
Will soon be kicked to the gutter.

For week after week
It had been ads oh so dour
Buckets and buckets of mud
Left voters just wanting a shower.

The contest for Governor
Turned predictably bitter
Even the FBI got involved
Clearing the pathway for Ritter.

Bob Beauprez ran a campaign
That, shall we say, lacked some lust
It is hard to think that Marc Holtzman
Could have been any bigger a bust.

Just a year ago, local Dems were all upset
A candidate not pro-choice they wanted to eject
But through pluck and tenacity he did prevail
Now even his critics call him Governor-Elect.

Up and down the ballot
Voters brushed aside the GOP label
In race after race
The Dems ran the table.

While up north in our state
It was Musgrave and Paccione
Two over-caffeinated women
Going around spewing baloney.

Moving down to the Springs
We saw a candidate so far to the right
Even good Republican Joel Hefley
Told him to go fly a kite.

The most unexpected event
Featured Colorado Springs's own Pastor Ted
With a massage and some meth
In a very, very strange bed.

While off in Virginia
It was the slur "macaca", by George
After that a Republican victory
Became impossible to forge.

9-11 memories had faded
With Iraq, we were fatigued
Immigration had little traction
Voters thought it time others take the lead.

In the President's own words
His Party took a thumpin'
To Karl Rove's great dismay
The Democrats are a jumpin'.

Just a few hours later
Don Rumsfeld got the boot
He was too damaged to be saved
By his friend Cheney, that old coot.

In the big course of history
It was just the standard six-year itch
But for W and his band of neo-cons
No doubt, it was certainly a bitch.

So the House will now be led
By a liberal feminist from San Fran
For Limbaugh she's every bit as good a target
As that whack-job from Iran.

Now we immediately turn to oh-eight
Without much respite for the sane
Will the wind blow in the direction
Of Obama, Rodham Clinton, Romney or McCain?

But back to last Tuesday's map
It indeed turned distinctly more blue
Now that the Dems have real power
Can they buy a clue? (And what will they do?)