HONOR THE GAME

As we walk up the tunnel we hear all the noise.

Our hearts beat faster and we feel all the joys

In knowing that the game is about to begin.

We’re prepared; we’re ready; we want to win.

So do those fellows on that bench over there

Against whom we’ll compete, but let it be fair.

Let’s hope both teams give it effort to admire

And play by the rules as we grunt and perspire.

Let us all be aware that it is truly a game.

May both winner and loser know no shame.

May we play every moment with honest zeal

And for our opponent have respect that’s real.

When it’s all over and the score is posted,

Let no one ever say that the winner has boasted.

Celebrate and mourn for just a short while;

Then go back to work; make that your style.

Play hard! Play clean! And play to win!

But win or lose, dig right back in.

Honor the game and if that’s what you choose,

No matter the score, you’ll never lose.