

Nikola Tesla - The Master of Lightning

Nikola Tesla is our pride and grace,
defiant Lika gave him to the human race!
Born in eighteen fifty-six, on a stormy night,
a prophecy of all that would come to light!
Thunders crashed and lightning flashed through the night,
God's own greeting to the wondrous child of magic and might!
Born on Vidovdan, passing on Christmas Day,
the Almighty's chosen Serbian boy to lead the way!
Tesla's magic number proved to be three,
the perfect key to unlock the cosmic mystery!
From his native Smiljan to New York's broad shore,
he left a lasting trace to endure forevermore!
"Man is born to work, suffer, and fight,"
thus spoke Tesla of life's heavy might!
He lived for eighty-six long years sublime,
and became a giant for all of time!
As the most famous Serb known to the world,
across the entire planet his name unfurled!
The unit in physics bears Tesla's name,
to honor his scientific, enduring fame!
Tesla's name lives in historic decrees,
on airports, electric cars, libraries and degrees!
Two meters tall, slender and grand,
an elegant magnet across the land!

Serb, American, cosmopolitan, a soul from above,
mystical Tesla brought silence and awe we love!
Devotedly immune to feminine charms,
only to science did he open his arms!
To his vision he was truly wed,
faithfully following where it led!
A photographic memory was his tool,
expanding knowledge and enlightenment's rule!
He slept just two hours a day, it is true,
wasting no time to bring results to view!
Tesla invented the future's domain
and gave humanity light to remain!
He thought far ahead of his age and place,
remaining misunderstood by the human race!
Inventor, physicist, engineer of great worth,
with over three hundred patents he transformed the Earth!
He brought electricity to all of mankind
and shaped the civilization he left behind!
Human fantasy he turned to fact,
creating a new reality with every act!
A polyglot and humanist heart,
with a conscience clear from the very start!
A lover of men, not a lover of gold,
a poet of science, a genius untold!
He did not crave money or worldly fame
but just to create in his mind's own flame!
Investing himself to serve human plight,

he ended up poor, in self-exile's night!
For all his inventions and triumphs so grand
he received insults and slights across the land!
"I do not regret that they stole what was mine
but I pity the lack of their own creative line!
The present is theirs, but the future is mine,"
with these words Tesla found peace divine.
A whimsical loner with his pigeons in stride,
Tesla followed his dreams with ultimate pride!
His global impact bears an epic view,
while his eccentric figure stirs controversy anew!
A brilliant visionary, a rebel so bold,
a modern Prometheus, a dreamer untold!
The master of lightning, who tamed waterfalls,
Tesla stands highest in history's halls!
Without him, no internet or wireless phone,
nor any electronic technology we have known!
Where would this civilization be or go,
without Tesla's epochal deeds to show?

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