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Entry in C.J.Dennis competition.

Date corresponds 200 years American July 4. 1976

Jo Mancel Davies

from Allan M. Slewellyn

Please hang on to this as I have entered it in

the 6 J. Dennis competition

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To Andrew M' Donald

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