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Historic houses, mayors,  
City halls and tree-lined streets  
And statues in their squares.  
But they don't hold a candle to  
Farmington, our hometown,  
Its rolling hills and friendly folk  
Make it the best around.  
Arthur Power felt this way  
In eighteen twenty-four;  
From Farmington, N.Y., he  
came,  
Our brave progenitor.  
This Quaker to his seven sons  
With zeal and gusto said,  
"Boys, I've found The Promised  
Land.  
I've bought myself a spread!"  
The Saginaw-Detroit Trail led  
To old Grand River banks,  
To settle their new Farmington.  
They toiled, these valiant  
Yanks.

The Stars and Stripes waved  
proudly:  
Our town endured the years.  
Progress brought us wonders,  
A new breed of pioneers.  
One gracious landmark, Bots-  
ford Inn,  
A stagecoach stop way back,  
Dates to eighteen thirty-six;  
It says so on the plaque.  
The underground railroad came  
through:  
It helped to ease the way  
Of Afro-Americans bound north  
From day to desperate day.  
Old City Hall stands tall and  
proud,  
A symbol of our past;  
It honors those who came be-  
fore.  
How the good they did will last!

When Farmington overflowed  
we built  
Split level domiciles  
On undulating green terrain  
And called it Farmington Hills.  
Cider mills, basic pleasures,  
All kinds of things that cheer;  
There is no doubt about it, we  
Live the Good life here.  
Kibitzing with friendly mer-  
chants  
In a downtown shopping mall,  
Dining where nations come to-  
gether.  
Tally Ho for Tally Hall.  
On Grand River stands the  
mansion  
Of the man who was the head  
Of Michigan as governor,  
His name was Warner (Fred)  
Dear hearts were Luman Good-  
enough

And Elizabeth, his spouse;  
They gave their lovely manor  
home —  
It's our Community House.  
A pilot somewhere blesses us  
With thankful prayers each day.  
Crash landing on a grocer's roof,  
He lived to walk away.  
Fine service clubs are active,  
Senior Citizen Center hums;  
The Founders Festival parade  
Has clowns and floats and  
drums.  
But most of all, what we think  
Gives Farmington its crown  
Are the jewels who live and  
shine in  
Our Yankee Doodle town.



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