

The Chief of Police  
Dallas Police Department  
Dallas, Texas.

Manchester, N.H.  
April 17, 1966

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find copies of the Kennedy poems written by me as a sympathy message from the Manchester, N.H. Police Dept. at the time of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963. It seems fitting and proper that your department should have these copies, also the enclosed poem "The Police Officer" in memory of the officer from your department who lost his life that day in Dallas....Officer Tippit. Since both tragedies took place that same day in your city, I feel that it is fitting and proper that these poems should find their way at last to your city.

I have been a member of the Manchester Police Dept. for the past 19 years. The loss of both lives touched myself and members of this dept. very deeply.

United Press and Associated Press used the Kennedy poems the morning of his funeral. If they did not reach Dallas at that time I thought perhaps you might like to have them.

You may feel free to make what ever use of them you find fitting. Other organizations, police depts. etc. at various places in this country have been given the same permission to make reproductions etc.

Originally they were written for my dept. here, but the dept. sent them out as a teletype sympathy message the morning of November 25, 1963 to other depts.

With best wishes from myself and the Manchester Police Department.

Most Respectfully Yours,

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