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When God made Oklahoma,  
I think He had some fun.  
I think He used the leftovers  
When everything else was done.

When He finished the Painted Desert,  
He still had lots of red,  
So he brush-stroked Oklahoma  
Painting land and riverbed.

When God created mountains,  
A pile of stones in His hand  
Was stacked in Oklahoma  
Making the Arbuckle and Wichita band.

When God built large rain forests  
In Arkansas and so,  
He had so many extra seeds—  
Well, where should the rest go?

So He threw them in a band of green  
As thick as one can see;  
The Ouachitas and Ozark Plateau  
Are filled with many a tree.

When the rivers of many nations  
And creeks of many states  
Were finished, He just pushed the rest  
Into—you guessed the place.

With help, He took the Kansas wheat  
And cotton from the South,  
Then oil from the Texas fields  
Plus peanuts for one's mouth.

And put them into Oklahoma  
With surprises everywhere  
No boring sameness of terrain  
But pot-luck landscape where

People of many colors  
Live on red earth land,  
Harvesting golden wheat fields  
And toiling with tool or hand.

And when God finished this project  
After all His creative fun,  
I'm sure He grinned in satisfaction

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