

Lament of the Jack Pine Savage
(with apologies to Oliver Wendell Holmes)

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So, bash the painted plaster in
and turn the frame to ash.
Throw him in the landfill
with the garbage and the trash.

Better Paul should take Old Babe
and hitch him to the sleigh
And head where they can see the pine
down Buena Vista way.

Replace him with your rock band
with an amp guitar to play
Then deck the beach with modern art
and make the people pay.

I'll trail along with Paul and Babe
where there's more room for us
Where the woods are full of popple trees
and folks don't make a fuss.

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