

ODE TO LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE--2023

Life in a simpler time, that's Little House on the Prairie.
Simpler, yes, but by no means ordinary.
Please allow me time to wax poetic
As I share about a show that is simply epic.

Plum Creek and Walnut Grove were the places to be;
For nine wonderful years we visited, thanks to NBC.
Ma and Pa Ingalls steadfastly headed their home--
Mary, Grace, Laura and Carrie came tagging along.

So many people were part of the town;
They pulled together when times were up and down.
Doc Barker, Miss Beadle and Reverend Alden:
Caring people on whom you could always depend.

Mr. Swenson, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Garvey: colorful men!
They were loyal, strong and helped Pa again and again.
The Olsens--storekeepers who were both a boon and a bane:
Nels--long-suffering; Harriet, so shrewish and Nellie--a pain!

Little House taught us about good things--and bad.
Adoption, perseverance--and the prejudice of man.
And loads of awards were won through the years
As the Ingalls shared their love, their laughter and tears.

Ah, yes! Almanzo eventually won our dear Laura's heart .
And Baby Rose Wilder was their brand-new start.
After the series, three movies were made
And forever in reruns, Little House has stayed.

Continuing to teach us about right and wrong;
About staying the course and remaining strong.
Life has its challenges; we've smiled and we've cried
But thank you, Laura, for staying close by our side.