

**For Alexander on his 36<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2001**

Facilitating the world's reports  
But not of political rorts  
Many parts of the world are his ports  
The facts he never distorts  
He reveals the world of sports  
To writers of various sorts  
But he hasn't been drawn through courts  
For alleged civil wrongs or torts  
Or locked up in far away forts  
Though he's incurred a few stiff retorts  
His words are diamonds not quartz

Dad