



THE PERFECT FAN

How do you explain a perfect fan,
She may be a woman, he may be a man,
Disappointment and success always taken the same,
Realizing that sports is only a game,

No swearing, no ranting, no raging, no cries,
Happy when your team just attempts or tries,
A shot made, a first down, or maybe a strike,
How did they do it? What was it like?

To watch and see how the game turns out,
Maybe even getting excited enough to shout,
The sportsmanship you respect, you should give them the same,
Even if your team loses in overtime--in the rain,

Kindness rubs off on everyone around,
It could be a gesture, it could be a sound,
To care about players from every team,
It doesn't matter, their home, their dream

We all come from different cities and states,
We all like sports as a side dish or main plate,
So when we feel the love for the game,
No one to boo, no one to blame,

Shaking hands with compassion and respect,
If your opponent falls, rise up and protect,
In the end as fans, we all love these games,
In the end as fans, we are all the same!

--Todd Bender

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