

A banquet and symposium were held on January 30-31, 2014 to honor Prof R.B. Bird on the occasion of his 90th birthday. I sent the following poem to him as a birthday greeting. It is on the website

<http://www.engr.wisc.edu/cbe/bird-birthday-symposium-banquet.html>

I am a PhD student of Prof M.C. Williams, who is a PhD student of Prof Bird.

Plenty are societal needs
answers affordable is the need.
Olde che brought many a solution
by setting some methods in motion.
Based they were on wizened experience
but, a pity they were full of empiricism.
Many a formulae one had to mug
since there appeared no method to hug.
Out flew Bird, with a span so great,
accompanied by Stewart and Lightfoot,
note there is always a triumvirate,
brought unity and order with Phenomena Transport.
It was a Kuhnian revolution
that swept the entire profession.
Profession, taller it stood with perspective no less,
to unify with new neighbours borderless,
ever more confident to play its rightful role
to give clean air water and food for all.