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The T.V. is the wonder of our age,
"A blessing"—the enthusiastic sage.
And now our culture reaches far and wide,
Into each home, each city, each wayside.
Coast meets coast and scorns the distance 'tween,
As new worlds open—not just heard but seen.

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Now millions sit in peaceful solitude
With bloodshot eyes on screen intently glued.
(Watching Alfred H. display his wit,
By poking fun at sponsor's little bit.)
And factory workers still asleep remark,
"That 'Late Show' really had me in the dark."
Studying is done on station breaks
And Junior now flunks every test he takes.
The social evening really takes a dive
For all that's said is, "Turn to channel 5."
Charlie Chaplin's come into his own,
The dial twister, too, is right at home.
Round the clock they watch the glaring screen
For fear of missing something to be seen.
Geritol and pills exhaust their wealth,
When one night's sleep would soon restore their health.
Oh, what did Man for centuries sublime,
"Till T.V. came to help him pass the time!

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Is the picture really worth the "thousand words"
Or is television strictly for the birds?

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