

HOW A POEM MAGICALLY RETURNED AFTER A 32 YEAR HIATUS

My father, William Gould wrote a poem honoring the Dunfey family's generosity for hosting the 1981 preview of our documentary *Afghanistan Between Three Worlds* preceding its distribution on PBS. We had no idea what happened to the poem once it was delivered to the family at their Boston headquarters in the Parker House Hotel early in 1982. In 2014 [Eleanor Dunfey](#) was visiting her [brother Jack](#) in his Boston apartment. Following that visit Eleanor sent us this email: *"You won't believe the 'find' I made when visiting my brother Jack on Saturday. He had a framed poem written in 1981 hanging on the wall-- something I had never seen. I could hardly believe the sentiments expressed. Imagine my surprise to see that the author is William Gould - Yes. Liz Gould's father! William Gould, father-in-law to Paul Fitzgerald, was so inspired by New England Circle's program on Dec. 3, 1981, a preview of Paul's film, Afghanistan Between Three Worlds, that he felt compelled to write this poem. (This statement, along with the invitation and evening's program are attached to the back of the frame)."*



It was at Jack Dunfey's 90th birthday party in 2014 that Elizabeth Gould saw the framed poem authored by her father for the first time since it was delivered to the Dunfey family in 1982

To the Dunfey Family
When social force in crushing tide
Cause lesser men to cringe and hide
From contradictions stormy strife
The Dunfey family comes to life.

Anticipating social trend
Discover that will not bend
With concepts that will lead the way –

The Dunfeys see the light of day.

In the struggle against man's misery
When lines are drawn politically,
With full heart and helping hand –
The Dunfey family takes a stand.

On that rocky road without end
With respect of foe and love of friend
In this ceaseless fight for democracy –
The Dunfeys march proud with humanity.

By William Gould

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