

Presumptive nominee. What a great sound. That's what the media was calling you in 2007. Nobody was polling even close to you...you had double-digit leads. Biden? Nice, but milquetoast. Richardson? Great

resume, but nobody knew who he was. Edwards? A lot of people liked him, and he had great labor credentials, so he was a threat. Not much of a threat, but a threat you had to take seriously. If you wanted the union vote, you could take nothing for granted. Sure, you had a job...but campaigning was much more important. Keep your eyes on the prize. The pollsters were definitely helping your momentum. By polling you against the potential Republican nominees, they helped the populace assume you would be the Democratic nominee. And you were doing well against Giuliani and McCain. The White House was within easy reach...you would finally be where you belonged...or so it seemed.

Where in the hell did Obama come from? In his first term as senator with only two years experience, the middle name of Hussein, *black* for cryin' out loud. Where the hell is he drawing his votes? He actually polled ahead in Iowa, a mostly white, middle-of-the-road sort of state...and then he WON it! What the fuck?! This was *your* race, not his! And his fundraising – off the map. Then he started picking up the celebrity endorsements you assumed would be yours. Hollywood was falling all over themselves to be in his camp. But a few tears later, and New Hampshire was YOURS. Who has the momentum now?

Evidently neither of you. Or both of you. Back and forth, your wins seesawed with his. You win California, New York and Texas, and he still has more delegates. What more can you do? Ah, the superdelegates. They aren't all pledged yet. You know how to play the favor game, you can woo these superdelegates...and if you can't, Bill can. Heading in to the convention, it was still anybody's game.

ZZZZZZTTTT! POP! Sizzle! Crack! Oh, what now? The machines that count the votes have gone haywire! Seems like a hacker finally was able to tweak the machines, proving that tampering was not only possible, but likely. And by infecting them with a virus that destroyed the motherboard, all the results are wiped out. Gone. Vanished. So did you really come in second, or did you win? Hmmmmmm....It's already September and everything about the election is in shambles. How can the nation restore the people's confidence in a fair and free election so close to November?

A new election, with all the candidates back in the race! Yes, everyone is back in play. All the Republican and Democrat primary aspirants will be on one big ballot in November. The voters can choose whomever they like out of all possible contenders. Your political career is not over – it's only just begun. Now you need to go forward and start collecting votes, so you'll have the states you need in the Electoral College to win the election!

- 1. Now is your chance to blow your rivals away
 The people will love you when they hear what you say
 Your unsurpassed ability to dance around the issues
 Will have the other candidates reaching for their tissues
 Driver's licenses for aliens? Maybe yes, maybe no
 Depends on which way the polling numbers go
 You must get a move on, and proceed to the place
 Where you can prove who is boss in this race
 In this great state of *Washington* you'll be put to the test
 To see which candidate is really best
 On foot you proceed on VIII street
 Til this city's namesake you do meet
 There you will find even larger dancers
 Who may provide you with some important answers
- 2. You've picked up a state, you're making headway Now on to the next challenge without delay Back to the CDV you must quickly drive And head toward the igloos to stay alive Quite soon the DXX appears within view Head toward the ocean and bid Bellevue adieu Your mind turns to Obama, your chief adversary Who stole your "mo" in the *Iowa* primary "He's so eloquent!" his supporters claim But you know governing is no game "He's so inspirational!" the devoted gush They sound like a schoolgirl with her first crush You know it takes more than flowery speech But still, those same voters you must now reach Maybe now those grassy plains Will bring you some greater gains
- 3. Another state (and its delegates) is in your column But rather than celebrate, you're rather solemn Obama and Edwards can really emote When they are seeking the union vote But you need *Ohio* to prove this is your race A for your presidency make a case You must visit the site where the workers toil And hope that towards you they will be loyal Time to put on the hard hat and be one of them And make sure that NAFTA you do condemn

North you venture and you know you must cross
A bridge to the future if you want to be boss
Follow the calm ocean as it heads west
Another bridge you duck under if you know what's best
Now practice your speech to fire up the workers
Place the blame for their problems on the Wall Street shirkers
For manual labor is the honest sort
And the strength of unions you will exhort
Your polls show you're big with the less educated
The schooled for Obama have delegated
Your also do well with more middle-class whites
So tell this coalition that you'll fight for their rights
Don't worry if it sounds like you're full of hot air
These workers have dealt with more dangerous fare

4. Another day, another dollar the saying goes Going to the people is the strategy you chose So far you are picking up some states But are they meaningful? What is your pace? Backtrack along the way you got here Then on 40th conservatively you veer Bear like the blue as VIIth you reach Another liberal turn gets you to 45th You'll plead the 5th, but do it your way Then on to the highway, towards the penguins without delay A southern state is what you need **South Carolina** is exactly your speed To reach the youth vote, you must be Internet savvy A well-designed web site, not too tacky And you can reach your coordinators with email today Poor Bill's campaign suffered phone delays If you could get online, you could contact all of your flunkies Then relax for a bit like a java junkie

My, you're taking quite a drubbing
 I think your campaign strategy is flubbing
 Why won't Barack just go away?
 The race could be his another day
 He's young and will have plenty more chances
 But he's making all the advances

This is truly your best shot If not '08, then all is naught You've spent all your resources to get here Now don't get paralyzed with fear You just need to think back to your first victory What was the winning strategy? Oh yea, you turned on the waterworks! Women voters just went berserk! Yes, you're passionate about this great land And upon that theme you can expand But you choked up a little, and made voters think She's not made of stone – here's a little chink It humanized you, made you seem more real Soon you were speaking with much more zeal So if *New Hampshire* you are to regain A similar strategy should be plain You've always been such a pioneer You're 2nd to none, you have no peer So why do you need tears to win this race? (Cuz voters think your Iraq record is a disgrace.)

6. You've been taunted and badgered, but you're still in it to win You just need some famous James Carville spin California has the most delegates, this is true But they usually go for that bluish hue Will they pick you, or opt for Barack? They'll want you to prove you can walk the walk Obama made waves with his hopeful book Why can't they give your words a second look? You're written books as First Lady, and even for Socks Granted, you've taken some literary knocks Did it take a village to write that tome? Did we really need a peek inside your home? You did get serious, living history Why people bought it though is a mystery You need voters to see you'll been through it all Not just a spectator at a White House ball You've met diplomats and heads of state You were more than simply Bill's housemate You've had a front-row invitation to major events Of course, with one slight difference No one thought you were a decision maker You were definitely not considered a mover and shaker Still, it doesn't hurt you to emphasize

All the years you were in the public's eyes To get your next state, you must decipher this code 975.3 puts you in the right mode

7. You're getting closer to the finish line Will it be your turn to shine? Or will someone else come in to steal your prize From underneath your cunning eyes It's the right season to start your plan Then turn liberally as soon as you can You want a more perfect union it's true Turning liberally is what you should do You want to be the First female president A little conservative now so you can break precedent But don't start writing your victory speech yet You know how nasty campaigns can get And sometimes old words can come back to haunt Back when you had attitude to flaunt What was it you said when Bill ran in '92? Some of those statements no longer ring true Looks like you stood by your man after all What will be the next catchphrase to fall? Maybe your statement about stay at home moms When you first said it, you really bombed You really stepped in a *Texas* sized mess Now you need a Texas success Looks like you might have to eat your words And be prepared to sing like birds

8. One by one you shake each hand
Your voting supporters to expand
You know how it's done, and you're not proud
But Obama's bringing in records crowds
Seems like you could use an arena
Perhaps one near to a marina?
You need a state with decent population
To help decide the fate of our nation
Florida has experience providing the decision
A result often greeted with much derision
But they have lakes, and people too
Finding a venue should be nothing new
Go back down the first street, wheels a'turning

Turn liberally at an institute of higher learning

Jump on the highway, five towards polar bears

You'll drive a few miles, but stay aware

You want a place that can seat hundreds or more

An outdoor place, near a lake shore

You have a large base of women, and that's a start

You know they're ready to do their part

Blue collar support is also going your way

And Latinos too are having their say

You could fill a big venue! You could show him!

Then whose prospects would start to look dim?

You could exceed all expectations!

And seize the focus of the entire nation

.....need to write more when I'm more sure of where we're going

.....there looks to be an easy way to Green Lake off Ravenna Blvd – I think you turn left from Ravenna onto Green Lake for the Aqua Theater. Need to put somewhat specific directions in big clue because all they're getting in little clue is Scrabble letters

Once at the venue, you'll want to stay blue

Maybe a dirty job, but it's up to you

9. The contestants are running neck and neck

And you feel like a nervous wreck

Still another state to get

Without anyone seeing you sweat

You're trying to work both hard and smart

So you can win the public's heart

Time to meet more people who can vote

Your campaign you must promote

You've done shots of whisky, you've eaten fried food

And your husband you did include

You made fun of your singing (it really was bad)

At Bush you sounded really mad

You've participated in several debates

All in search of those important swing states

A northern state you now must obtain

On V now to continue your campaign

Back up the verdant waterway to get in gear

When you see the sunny side, go north here

Then on LXXX you should rightly turn

Soon you'll see the banner for which you'll yearn

A quick liberal jaunt, then you'll see your ramp

A few miles you'll drive before you see

An exit for CCXX, and head for the sea

At C – I you'll make a traditional turn

Being liberal at CCXII is your next concern

Continue for a while, then at the fork
Veer conservatively if you want *New York*It's your home state, so you're *main*ly sure
That victory here is secure
Continue like a fairy, but don't get on
It's Sunset now, and you can't be long
You can be yourself, so liberally turn
Soon you'll spy the streets for which you yearn
Good thing New York has such a great shore
You like to hear the ocean roar
And walk along the sand with ease
To ask voters for their vote, please?

10. All that work, and you're so near The finish line is in your sphere You've scratched and clawed, tooth and nail All along this campaign trail North you must go for another state If you want to inaugurate Get back to V, and make those wheels spin You're out to capture *Michigan* Obama didn't even register for their primary Because they didn't obey the Dems judiciary But you were there – you didn't care And now you hope the voters were aware For many miles you'll be on the road But you don't want your support to erode You really want to lead this great nation This isn't some infatuation You know people want decent health care Cheaper gas, and cleaner air But you must get elected first You don't want your standings to be the worst Exit 199 would be correct If you want to be president-elect Toward the sunset on a maritime drive If campaign hopes are to stay alive

LITTLE CLUES

(found at Dancers sculpture, leads to Arboretum)

2. Oceanward you head on DXX Determination? You have plenty You'll zealously campaign in the great outdoors To be the top one the public adores The Water of our First President Could make you the White House resident Exit there, then liberally proceed His boulevard steers you there with all speed Soon an office/house comes into view Parking there is what you should do Walk across the street to your campaign trail In these woods you will prevail Cypress isn't your problem yet Don't cross the bridge, and don't get wet Will Iowa be part of your grand design? Maybe you just need a sign.

(found at Arboretum, leads to Gas Works Park, purple pipe)

3. It's always good to play to your strengths
But to woo certain voters you'll go to great links
Forget you're a lawyer, you now need street cred
With working class heroes you'll get into bed
These utility unions can be a great asset
Go to their work place – do not pass it!
Neither liquid or solid, but it provides heat
And it's the basis for your meet and greet
Under a bridge your street changes names
A narrow street, along water it aims
Pass a mark of longitude, and then you're close
This will give you reality in a massive dies
The colors are awesome, some even say bright
All the water side, your state is within sight

(found at Gas Works, leads to Online Coffee Co. Internet Café)

4. Another state! You're a campaign machine!
Now it's time to get some caffeine
On the highway you drive, towards the land of grits
Keep an eye out for your exit
A 24-hour restaurant guides your way
But you must bear redly on Stewart without delay
A quick liberal turn on the restaurant leads to a famous TV show
(I'm sure you didn't watch it – planning policy, you know)
You'll be conservative when you see it, then soon you'll see
Your destination on a tree
You're feeling A-one when you see the location
A perfect spot to grab free station
First things first – your email you'll check
Then analyze why you and Obama are neck and neck

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("found" at Internet Café…leads to Waterfall Garden near Pioneer Square – 219 2nd Ave S, between Main & Washington – email from Barack)

5. Hey Hillary, it's me! Can't leave you alone
Especially when my campaign is in the zone
I just took Iowa – for the second time
Winning delegates is just sublime
You think you can catch me? Get a clue
I'm too far ahead of you
Try if you must, but I can't be beat
I'm in the proverbial catbird's seat
Now you'll be following, while I'll be leading
On my dust you will be feeding
Toward the mystic east on your tree
Take a traditional turn on XV safely
You feel old-school when you see our fourth president
Follow him a few blocks with serious intent

They say the neon lights are bright on this street in New York You feel at home being liberal at this fork Just say Yes, sir, in a conservative way To bring you nearer to your goal today The Second you see it, liberally you should go Within yards you see the place where water flows Our first president is near the garden He wasn't one to waste a pardon Your road ahead is rocky and rough But hey, you suck – life is tough!

(found at Waterfall Gardens, leads to main Seattle Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.)

6. Why does Barack's book sell so much better than yours? It's that *l*oyal army of Oprah whores You must push your own literary efforts If you are to win more voting converts You're mainly liberal as you sally fourth And head in a direction vaguely north You'll *spring* into action if you want parking Now from your car you'll be disembarking You have your code, so you can clearly see What your next step needs to be ("found" at Library – transparency sheet with letters highlighted – leads to Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory on 1st) 7. (found at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory – hopefully they will let me bake Scrabble tiles into cookies) 8. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 10 1 1

(found at Aqua Theater, Green Lake – leads to "Locals" statue in Edmonds)

9. Crossword

(found at statue in Edmonds, leads to house)

10. It's late in the campaign, and you're getting tired But the American people leave you so inspired You will pick up this last state
Then we'll see what is your fate
Eight miles you on the maritime street
At this late hour, that's quite a feat
Liberally turn upon the road
Spelled out in our little code
You've used this one before
And it brings you closer to the door
Go up a mile, and then you'll see
9829 is your destiny
Don't forget to belly up to the bar
If you're to please the Rally Czar

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Exit 199 off of the 5. The 4th st exit. (that confuses so maybe stick with Marine Drive) Go 8 miles on Marine Drive. There turn left at Tulalip Shores and go to the water and go up a mile.

To 9829 or 9903 Tulalip shores

Song: "Stand By Your Man"

Sometimes it's hard to be a woman Giving all your love to just one man You'll have bad times, he'll have interns Doing things that you don't understand

But if you love him, you'll forgive him Even though he's hard to understand And if you love him, oh be proud of him Cuz after all, he's just a man

Stand by your man
Give him two arms to cling to
And something warm to come to
When nights are cold and lonely
Stand by your man
And show the world you love him
Keep giving all the love you can
Stand by your man